



## The Homestead at Rochester: Recognized by Aging Services of Minnesota with the Confident Choices Award.

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Congratulations go to The Homestead at Rochester which has just been awarded Aging Services' Confident Choices for Senior Living designation.

The Homestead at Rochester is a partnership of Volunteers of America National Services and Presbyterian Homes & Services. The site has 137 market-rate apartments and suites. Rebecca Bollig is The Homestead's executive director.

Confident Choices for Senior Living is an Aging Services initiative designed to improve quality in housing-with-services settings, increase public trust and consumer confidence and inform consumer decision-making. To be eligible for the Confident Choices designation, applicants must meet five core requirements:

- Adoption of Aging Services' Code of Ethics, AAHSA's Quality First pledge or similar code
- The on-site housing manager must have at least one year of experience in older adult housing and services
- The property must have completed a resident satisfaction survey within the previous year
- The property must have a resident handbook, and
- For those with memory care programs, adoption of Aging Services' Guiding Principles for Dementia Care (or equivalent dementia care guidelines).

In addition to these core requirements, providers must meet five out of 14 elective requirements. Most providers have found that in reviewing their current activities and programs they meet many more than five of the elective requirements.

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