



Diane McCann, a resident of NCC Commons, says the nursing and rehabilitative care she received at the New Community Extended Care Center helped get her back on her feet.

Grateful Patient Praises Staff Of NCC Extended Care

When Diane McCann suffered a stroke back in early October, she really feared the worse in terms of what the impact would be. She spent three weeks at Newark's University Hospital before being transferred to New Community's Extended Care Center, located at 266 South Orange Avenue. Once admitted to Extended Care, McCann said the rehabilitation staff really got to work on getting her back on her feet. She spent an hour in therapy daily

and activities were not just confined to walking.

"They work with you until you can dress yourself and had me use my hands doing things like folding clothes," she explained.

Her therapy services were provided by Tender Touch, a company with extensive experience which recently was hired as the new rehabilitation service for Extended Care.

McCann, 60, also had nothing but praise for the medical staff at Extended Care, saying she would recommend the facility to anyone.

"They can't do enough for you," McCann said, calling the Catholic Sisters who work as licensed practical nurses in the facility "hardworking, really sweet and caring. They can't do enough for you," she added. "It's not an easy task."

When she was discharged from Extended Care about two weeks before Christmas, McCann no longer needed the wheelchair and walker she had been using to get around while at the facility. She had progressed to the point where she was able to get around just using a cane.

"They just don't want me to go anywhere by myself," said McCann, who was left with no paralysis from her stroke. "I'm just grateful that I have a clean bill of health and things are back to normal."