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Chelsea Jewish Foundation honored with Gold Award in McKnight's Technology Awards

Boston's Chelsea Jewish Foundation won the top prize in the High Tech/High Touch category of *McKnight's* Excellence in Technology Awards — Connect Our World.

The High Tech/High Touch category recognizes excellence in using technology to improve staff-resident interactions. The Chelsea Jewish Foundation's skilled nursing community, called the **Leonard Florence Center**, has units for residents with multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Center residents worked with engineers to develop assistive devices that allow them to perform functions such as adjusting window shades, controlling room temperature and changing TV channels via eye-movement sensors. [Click here to read](#) a *McKnight's* article about one of the project's gurus.

The SNF's use of technology “is simply an outstanding example of how technology supports the independence of severely handicapped residents, who need the technology most, improves communications with other residents and staff, and allows staff to meet residents need and to focus on quality high-touch interactions,” one judge wrote.



Leonard Florence Center