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## **RESIDENCE INN HOTEL OPENS IN WILMETTE, ILLINOIS**

*Stylish and functional hotel design lets extended-stay guests thrive on the road*

Wilmette, Illinois - May 16, 2014 - The 130-suite Residence Inn by Marriott in Wilmette, Illinois is now open for business and features the brand's innovative, new design. Located at 3205 Old Glenview Road, the all-suite Residence Inn Chicago Wilmette operates as a Marriott franchise and is managed by White Lodging Services of Merrillville, Indiana.

Located on Chicago's North Shore and 30 minutes from downtown Chicago, the Residence Inn Chicago Wilmette offers its guests convenient access to Northwestern University, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Baha'i House of Worship. Rates vary depending on length of stay.

"We are pleased to introduce Residence Inn hotels in the Wilmette area," said Diane Mayer, vice president and global brand manager, Residence Inn. "When on the road for an extended period, our guests need space to spread out, maintain their life's pace and restore their energy to help them maintain a healthy balance and routine while traveling. This new hotel offers them a seamless blend of modern style and functionality that allows them to settle in and thrive."

Residence Inn properties are designed as all-suite hotels that offer studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites. The contemporary suites are designed to enhance the comfort and lifestyle of travelers on the road today, offering guests flexible spaces and upgraded amenities to help maintain a healthy balance and routine while traveling. With a larger, expansive workspace, complimentary high-speed Internet access, and a multitude of easily accessible outlets, guests are able to work efficiently throughout the suites. Sectional sofas and luxurious bathrooms with extra storage space make it possible for travelers to live and rest comfortably. Contemporary and stylish décor, featuring natural light and refreshing colors, helps improve guests' productivity and energy. Designed for stays of five nights or more, each suite also has a fully-equipped kitchen with a coffeemaker, microwave oven and residential-sized appliances.

The Residence Inn Chicago Wilmette's complimentary breakfast has a variety of great options, including specially made featured items. Guests can start their day off right with healthy food choices and can make sure they do not miss the most important meal of the day.

"Any time you are able to offer something new and unique, it's a wonderful feeling," said Kathryn O'Connell, general manager of the Residence Inn Wilmette. "We love being part of this community and can't wait to welcome guests to the town we call home."

Joining O'Connell on the hotel's leadership team is Director of Sales Caroline Yates. Before joining the Residence Inn Wilmette, Yates was the Senior Corporate Group & Business Transient Sales Manager at the Courtyard Chicago/Magnificent Mile.

Extending the feeling of comfortable living on the road, the Residence Inn Chicago Wilmette offers guests inviting and functional public spaces to relax or collaborate. Road warriors and families alike enjoy the hotel's grocery delivery service, complimentary Wi-Fi, 24-hour onsite food and beverage market, dry cleaning services, and onsite guest laundry room. The hotel's weeknight evening gatherings offer a casual, relaxing environment where guests can be as social as they want, while enjoying light fare. The hotel also maintains a meeting room, a printing station for boarding passes and an exercise room.

### **About Residence Inn by Marriott**

With more than 650 all-suite properties in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Central America, Residence Inn by Marriott is the leader in the extended-stay lodging segment. Designed for long stays, the brand offers spacious suites with separate living and sleeping areas. Fully functional kitchens, grocery delivery, 24-hour markets and complimentary breakfast help guests maintain a healthy balance while on the road. Complimentary Wi-Fi allows guests to stay connected to the home and office, while health and fitness options and inviting lobby spaces provide comfortable places to work and relax.

Residence Inn participates in the company's award-winning Marriott Rewards® frequent travel program that allows members to earn hotel points or airline miles for every dollar spent during each stay. For more information or reservations, contact the Residence Inn Chicago Wilmette directly at 847-251-6600, call the Residence Inn toll-free number at 800-331-3131 or visit [www.residenceinn.com](http://www.residenceinn.com). For travel tips, the latest on the brand or to connect with other travelers, "like" Residence Inn on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/residenceinn](http://www.facebook.com/residenceinn) and follow Residence Inn on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/residenceinn](http://www.twitter.com/residenceinn).

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