



HCCI Recognizes “Heroes in Long Term Care”

During May, as part of National Nursing Home Week, the Health Care Council of Illinois (HCCI) is recognizing the “heroes” of our facilities – those dedicated and caring staff members and residents who have made meaningful contributions to the lives of their facilities. This year, more than 90 individuals are being honored for their commitment, selflessness and caring.

HCCI has sent out certificates of recognition in honor of these heroes. In addition, HCCI is in the process of contacting local media outlets about these awards. We expect to place dozens of positive news stories about these wonderful individuals.

HCCI extends its congratulations to the 2011 Heroes in Long Term Care. Here is the list of this year’s honorees divided into categories:

Activities

- Diane Moore, Berkshire Nursing and Rehab
- Mary Nelson, Alden Valley Ridge Rehab and Long Term Care
- Kristie Rivera, Plum Grove Nursing and Rehab
- Marsha Sall, Hillside Rehab and Care Center
- Jana Walker, Waterfront Terrace

Administrators

- Darnell Fortney, Stephenson Nursing Center
- Kim Jordan, McKinley Court Care Centre
- Sharyl Light, Gilman Healthcare
- Igor Shneyderman, Peterson Park Health Care Center

Certified Nursing Assistants/Nursing and Restorative Aides/CNA Team Leaders

- Heather Back, Hawthorne Inn
- Debra Berry, Freeport Rehabilitation Health Care
- Marilyn Curtis, Sheridan Shores Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Angelica Diaz, Crystal Pines Health Care Center
- Jo Ellen Driver, North Church Nursing and Rehabilitation
- Merle Fritsch, Countryside Care Centre
- Virginia Nacional-Gatan, Wheaton Care Center
- Jacqueline Govan, Renaissance at 87th

- Antonio Herrera, Alden Long Grove Rehab and Health Care Center
- Tiara Hill, Amberwood Care Centre
- Cynthia Horton, Fair Oaks Rehabilitation and Health Care Center
- Debbie Lemmons, Scott County Nursing Home
- Lauren May, St. Clara's Manor
- Karen Parker, Care Center of Jacksonville
- Patty Pickle, Doctors Nursing and Rehab
- Mary Ann Porten, Alden Estates of Barrington
- Sandy Shelton, Gibson Area Annex
- Carolyn Soling, Plaza Nursing and Rehab
- Neici Wagner, Willow Creek Rehab and Nursing

Dementia Care Unit Directors

- Sharon Lancaster, Burgin Manor

Dietary/Food Services

- Shirley Anderson, Woodside Extended Care
- Sam Allen, Burgess Square Healthcare Centre
- Amy Monday, Exceptional Care
- Abraham Payne, Rock Island Nursing and Rehab
- Carol Victory, Alden Wentworth Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

Director of Nursing/Nursing Administration/Management

- Doris Mabon Bradford, Aspen Ridge Care Centre
- Belen Deleon, Evanston Nursing and Rehab Center
- Jeovana Gonzales, Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center
- Eddie Green, Community Care Center
- Richelle P. Hofilena, Alden Estates of Evanston
- Hilda Holm, Tower Hill Healthcare Center
- Toni Hurt, St. Anthony's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Gwen Justice, Exceptional Care and Training Center
- Aneidra Kelly, Riviera Care Center

Laundry/Maintenance/Housekeeping/Environmental Services

- Rose Beavers, Capitol Care Center
- Linda Coyle, St. Vincent's Home
- Julie Garces, Harmony Healthcare and Rehabilitation
- Gwendolyn King, Fairview Care Center of Joliet
- Robert Kirkwood, Children's Habilitation Center
- Alice Schubert, Lena Living Center
- Lou Sheley, Parkway Center
- Omar Villamil, Alden Courts of Des Plaines
- Josephine Womack, Springfield Care Center

Nurses

- Katie Bloom, Hallmark House Nursing Center
- Marilyn Cokeley, Alden Estates of Orland Park
- Nancy Cramer, Iroquois Resident Home
- Karen Dockery, Hillcrest Nursing Center
- Tina Farquhar, The Elms
- Mercy Idemudia, Heather Healthcare
- Sharon Kollory, Alden Village Health Facility for Children and Young Adults
- Maria Elenda Rodriguez Mangoba, Alden-North Shore Rehabilitation Center
- Valerie Ann Perkins, Mayfield Care Center
- Shannon Sarna, The Grove of LaGrange Park
- Sherry Stevens, Embassy Health Care Center

Office Manager

- Ancelma (Anna) Varela, Alden Gardens of Waterford

Psych/Social and Resident Services

- Pam Adams, Courtyard Healthcare Center
- Maggie Marincic, Alden Estates of Skokie
- Ambreen Qureshi, The Grove North
- Jennifer Subia, Brightview Care Center
- Kimberly Shuman, Transitions Nursing and Rehab Center

Residents

- Michael Ahl, Grasmere Place
- Jerry Britton, Knox County Nursing Home
- John Caristo, Sycamore Healthcare Centre
- Maria Cobos, Elm Brook Health Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre
- Julie Conkin, Lee Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing
- Richard Donenower, Highland Park Nursing and Rehab
- Mike Gooding, Golden Good Shepherd Home
- Anne Halik, Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County
- Mildred Hutchens, Burnsidess Community Health Center
- Andrzej Kapustka, Concord Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Joan E. Peterson, Salem Village Nursing and Rehab Center
- Mildred Snyder, Heritage Manor—Mt. Zion
- Jacobeth Turlow, Mid America Care Center
- Doris Wigell, Alden Debes
- Keith Woods, Alden Northmoor

Therapy and Rehabilitation

- Brenn Killion, White Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- Miguel Negrete, Alden Village North

- Julie Ross, Heritage Manor--Beardstown

Transportation

- Josh Mathis, Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Volunteers

- Ruth Burwash, Illinois Knights Templar Home
- Charlotte Meiter, Neighbors Rehabilitation Center

The Health Care Council of Illinois is proud to honor these outstanding individuals through the "Heroes in Long Term Care" program.

"These people truly represent the heart and soul of Illinois' long term care facilities. They are committed to optimizing the health, outlook and well being of the residents we serve," said Pat Comstock, executive director of the Health Care Council of Illinois.