



AL NURSE OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes an assisted living nurse (must be a licensed practical or registered nurse) who demonstrates outstanding compassion, supervisory success, innovation, achievement, and capabilities in their provision of high-quality person-centered care in a service-oriented culture in an assisted living community. Must be employed by an assisted living WHCA member community in good standing at the time of the nomination. Must meet the following criteria:

- Effectively communicates with family members, health care practitioners, staff and other stakeholders about the needs of the resident.
- Serves as a mentor and role model to all frontline caregiving staff.
- Exhibits leadership, supervisory, and teamwork skills that are inherent in providing high-quality care in the assisted living setting.
- Recognition by their subordinates as an exemplary leader and advocate of residents and staff in assisted living.
- Demonstrates success as a licensed nurse who successfully leads their community to deliver outstanding person-centered care, and achieves a heightened quality of life for assisted living residents.
- Displays integrity and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Displays personal leadership and dedication to residents and staff.
- Demonstrates clinical leadership in resident care and staff oversight.

Each nomination should be accompanied by an essay outlining how the nominee meets and demonstrates the criteria into their daily routine. Each essay should be no longer than 500 words in length.

AL NOBLE CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes frontline caregivers for their contributions that lead to improved quality of life for the residents and create a better work environment for the assisted living community's staff. This includes direct care staff from the wellness department (does not include licensed nurses). Must be employed by an assisted living WHCA member community in good standing at the time of nominations. Must meet the following criteria:

- Contributes to the positive well-being of the residents and the morale in the assisted living community.
- Demonstrates outstanding person-centered care and achieves a heightened quality of life for assisted living residents.
- Shows initiative. Provides comfort to the residents, family members, and volunteers.
- Empowers the residents to achieve individual autonomy, dignity, and quality of life in their daily living.
- Has a positive, outgoing attitude.
- Displays leadership, integrity, and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Shows respect for residents, co-workers, family members and volunteers at all times.

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AL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes an assisted living administrator or executive director who demonstrates outstanding innovation, achievement, and capabilities in their provision of high-quality person-centered care in a service-oriented culture in an assisted living community. Must be employed by an assisted living WHCA member community in good standing at the time of the nomination. Must meet the following criteria:

- Exhibit leadership, communication, and teamwork skills that are inherent in providing high quality care in the assisted living setting.
- Exhibit an active role in the assisted living community's local neighborhood/community to enhance not only the lives of the assisted living residents, but to demonstrate the assisted living community's commitment to being a good neighbor and contributing to the overall welfare of the community.
- Recognition by their peers as an exemplary leader and advocate of the elderly and staff in assisted living.
- Demonstrated success by leading their community to deliver outstanding person-centered care and achieving a heightened quality of life for assisted living residents.
- Displays integrity and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Displays personal leadership and dedication to residents and staff.

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AL RED CARPET QUALITY AWARD

This award recognizes staff for their contributions that lead to improved quality of life for the residents and create a better work environment for the assisted living community's staff. This includes, but is not limited to support/office staff, housekeeping, dietary, activities/recreation, laundry, and maintenance departments (excludes caregivers and nurses).

Must be employed by a WHCA assisted living member community in good standing at the time of nominations. Must meet the following criteria:

- Contributes to the positive well-being of the residents and the morale in the assisted living community.
- Promotes a heightened quality of life for assisted living residents.
- Provides comfort and support to the residents, family members, and volunteers.
- Empowers the residents to achieve individual autonomy, dignity, and quality of life in their daily living.
- Has a positive, outgoing attitude.
- Displays leadership, integrity, and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Shows respect for residents, co-workers, family members and volunteers at all times.

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SNF NURSE OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes a nurse working in a skilled nursing facility (must be a licensed practical or registered nurse) who demonstrates outstanding compassion, supervisory success, innovation, achievement, and capabilities in their provision of high-quality person-centered care in a service-oriented culture in an assisted living community. Must be employed by a skilled nursing WHCA member facility in good standing at the time of the nomination. Must meet the following criteria:

- Effectively communicates with family members, health care practitioners, staff and other stakeholders about the needs of the resident.
- Serves as a mentor and role model to all frontline caregiving staff.
- Exhibits leadership, supervisory, and teamwork skills that are inherent in providing high-quality care in the assisted living setting.
- Recognition by their subordinates as an exemplary leader and advocate of residents and staff in assisted living.
- Demonstrates success as a licensed nurse who successfully leads their facility to deliver outstanding person-centered care, and achieves a heightened quality of life for residents.
- Displays integrity and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Displays personal leadership and dedication to residents and staff.
- Demonstrates clinical leadership in resident care and staff oversight.

Each nomination should be accompanied by a copy of the nominee's resume and an essay outlining how the nominee meets and demonstrates the criteria into their daily routine. Each essay should be no longer than 500 words in length.

SNF NOBLE CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes frontline caregivers for their contributions that lead to improved quality of life for the residents and create a better work environment for the skilled nursing facility's staff. This includes direct care staff from the nursing department (does not include licensed nurses). Must be employed by a skilled nursing WHCA member facility in good standing at the time of nominations. Must meet the following criteria:

- Contributes to the positive well-being of the residents and the morale in the skilled nursing facility.
- Demonstrates outstanding person-centered care and achieves a heightened quality of life for residents.
- Shows initiative. Provides comfort to the residents, family members, and volunteers.
- Empowers the residents to achieve individual autonomy, dignity, and quality of life in their daily living.
- Has a positive, outgoing attitude.
- Displays leadership, integrity, and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Shows respect for residents, co-workers, family members and volunteers at all times.

Each nomination should be accompanied by an essay outlining how the nominee meets the criteria and demonstrates the criteria into their daily routine. Each essay should be no longer than 500 words in length.



SNF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes a skilled nursing facility administrator or executive director who demonstrates outstanding innovation, achievement, and capabilities in their provision of high-quality person-centered care in a service-oriented culture in a skilled nursing facility.

Must be employed by a skilled nursing WHCA member facility in good standing at the time of the nomination. Must meet the following criteria:

- Exhibit leadership, communication, and teamwork skills that are inherent in providing high quality care in the skilled nursing facility setting.
- Exhibit an active role in the facility's local neighborhood/community to enhance not only the lives of the skilled nursing facility residents, but to demonstrate the facility's commitment to being a good neighbor and contributing to the overall welfare of the community.
- Recognition by their peers as an exemplary leader and advocate of the elderly and staff in skilled nursing.
- Demonstrated success by leading their facility to deliver outstanding person-centered care and achieving a heightened quality of life for residents.
- Displays integrity and a high standard of ethical behavior.
- Displays personal leadership and dedication to residents and staff.

Each nomination should be accompanied by a copy of the nominee's resume and an essay outlining how the nominee meets and demonstrates the criteria into their daily routine. Each essay should be no longer than 500 words in length.

SNF RED CARPET QUALITY AWARD

This award recognizes staff for their contributions that lead to improved quality of life for the residents and create a better work environment for the skilled nursing facility's staff. This includes, but is not limited to support/office staff, housekeeping, dietary, activities/recreation, laundry, and maintenance departments (excludes caregivers and nurses). Must be employed by a WHCA skilled nursing facility member in good standing at the time of nominations. Must meet the following criteria:

- Contributes to the positive well-being of the residents and the morale in the skilled nursing facility.
- Promotes a heightened quality of life for residents.
- Provides comfort and support to the residents, family members, and volunteers.
- Empowers the residents to achieve individual autonomy, dignity, and quality of life in their daily living.
- Has a positive, outgoing attitude.
- Displays leadership, integrity, and a high standard of ethical behavior.
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