



Indiana Health Care Association Announces 2018 Senior Living Award Winners

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (July 16, 2018) - The Indiana Health Care Association/Indiana Center for Assisted Living (IHCA/INCAL) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Senior Living Awards. IHCA/INCAL's Senior Living Award program recognizes professionals in nursing facilities and assisted living communities across the state of Indiana for their exemplary contribution and unwavering commitment to delivering quality care. Award winners are selected from peer and colleague nominations.

2018 Senior Living Award recipients:

- Long Term Care Facility of the Year: Homeview Center of Franklin (Franklin, Indiana)
- Assisted Living Community of the Year: Aster Place (Lafayette, Indiana)
- Administrator of the Year: Cathy Eckert, Golden LivingCenter - Petersburg (Petersburg, Indiana)
- Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year: Brenda Foster, Golden LivingCenter – Brandywine (Greenfield, Indiana)
- Facility Team Member of the Year: Bev Repine, Ossian Health & Rehabilitation Center (Ossian, Indiana)
- Nurse of the Year: Melody Callahan, Golden LivingCenter – Fountainview Terrace (LaPorte, Indiana)

Homeview Center of Franklin's team is committed to making a difference in the lives of the people they serve. In 2017, the center received the Silver Quality Award from [American Health Care Association \(AHCA\)](#) and a perfect annual survey from the Indiana State Department of Health. Homeview is also part of Phase 2 Optimistic program and this initiative has been instrumental in lowering hospital readmissions. Homeview's dedicated team is actively engaged in enhancing residents' quality of life and regularly organizes creative and fun events including fishing trips, visit to ball games, making mats for the homeless by using grocery bags and more.

Aster Place's team provides resident-centered care by focusing on individual strengths and needs. The community provides a homelike and welcoming environment for residents. Residents enjoy a maintenance-free lifestyle and other conveniences including restaurant style dining, weekly shopping trips, gym and spa services, personal laundry service and more.

The staff at Golden LivingCenter- Petersburg describe Cathy Eckert as a compassionate administrator who lives and breathes community involvement in the town of Petersburg. She is an expert at creating engaging activities for residents and getting them excited to participate. She has earned the reputation of a great leader and a role model in the community. Under her leadership, the facility has recently been honored with the 2018 Bronze Quality Award by AHCA.

Melody Callahan has been with Golden LivingCenter – Fountainview as an LPN for five years. Melody turned around a struggling unit with average census of 45 residents into a thriving place for residents to

live and staff to work. She displays strong clinical skills and her colleagues say she has an extraordinary ability to connect with people and build relationships with residents. The center has been honored with a 2018 Bronze Quality Award by AHCA and Melody's sustained efforts have consistently made a strong impact on the center's quality measures and survey outcomes.

Brenda Foster has been a CNA at Golden LivingCenter – Brandywine for more than 34 years. Her colleagues, many of whom she trained over the years, say she delivers exceptional care to her residents and takes the time to know more about their hobbies and their life outside the center. She makes sure to complete the restorative plans for her residents, puts make up on them, curls their hair and does whatever it takes to make them happy. Residents of the facility have many good things to say about Branda and are impressed by her compassion and sheer dedication.

Bev Repine has been working at Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center for more than 30 years. As the Director of Dining and Nutrition, Bev's colleagues say she has enabled the facility to earn many good surveys. She always maintains the facility-first attitude and never loses site of the needs of the residents. She ensures that her department and job remain a top priority. Her commitment to work is an inspiration to everyone at the TLC company and beyond.

"I applaud our 2018 Senior Living award winners for their tireless efforts and relentless drive to enhance resident experiences while consistently delivering compassionate, person-centered care," said IHCA/INCAL President Zach Cattell. "This year's recipients, both individuals and teams, exemplify performance excellence and their dedication to their residents is commendable."

Recipients of the 2018 Senior Living Awards will be honored during the association's annual Convention & Expo on Wednesday, August 1 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

IHCA/INCAL is the state's largest trade association and advocacy group representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes, as well as assisted living communities and Independent Living. The association provides education, information, and advocacy for health care providers, consumers, and the workforce on behalf of its more than 370-member facilities.

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