

Odenthal, Rizzo Top Winners

Dick Odenthal, vice president of the Heartland Division, and Roger Rizzo, a volunteer at three Life Care centers in Boise, Idaho, were named winners of the top awards presented by the company at its annual management meeting at the Gaylor Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tenn., this week.

Odenthal was presented the Chairman's Award "for outstanding commitment to excellence so exceptional that it commands attention." The award was announced by Chief Operating Officer Cathy Murray and President Bleecher Hunter. Odenthal, who was appointed division vice president in January 2006, has been the guiding force behind the division's tremendous fiscal and retention improvements during his tenure. He is always willing to offer his expertise, whether it be training on RUGS management, staffing or operational issues. He has assembled a strong divisional and regional staff to keep the division headed in the right direction for the future.



Rizzo has volunteered at Life Care Center of Boise, Life Care Center of Treasure Valley and Valley View for several years. His visits include playing cards with the residents and taking them to movies once a month. He began volunteering after recovering from a motorcycle accident 13 years ago. Forty days in a coma and six months of nursing care and rehab showed him the fragility of life and helped him reevaluate his goals.



Facility of the Year awards were won by Life Care Center of Lawrenceville, Eastern Division; Life Care Center of La Center, Heartland Division; Life Care Center of Littleton, Mountain States Division; Life Care Center of West Bridgewater, Northeast Division; Lake Vue Gardens, Northwest Division; Life Care Center of Altamonte Springs, Southeast Division; and Life Care Center of Reno, Southwest Division.

President's Awards were presented to Mike Pigg, division controller, and Robert Breeden, executive director, The Heritage Center in Morristown, Tennessee, Eastern Division; Gregg Fuller, executive director, Life Care Center of Rochester, and Connie Kirwer, executive director, Parkview Care Center in Evansville, Heartland Division; Anne Deines, senior executive director, Hallmark Nursing Center in Denver, and Derek Schmidt, senior executive director, Life Care Center of Cheyenne, Mountain States Division; Faye Friedrich, division director of clinical

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services, and Geoffrey Rauch, executive director, Life Care Center of the South Shore, Northeast Division; Ruth Piccola, division field controller, and Marty Bol, executive director, Garden Terrace in Federal Way, Northwest Division; Nina Willingham, senior executive director, Life Care Center of Sarasota, and Eric McKinney, executive director, Life Care Center of Melbourne, Southeast Division; Gale Hackerott, division controller, and Mary Lou Miller, executive director, Rimrock Villa, Southwest Division.

Division Support Awards went to Vicki Hood, division director of sales and marketing, Eastern Division, and Sally Wolf, division controller, Heartland Division.

Superior Performance Awards for deficiency-free surveys were won by Life Care Center of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Michelle Morrow, executive director; Wooldridge Place Nursing Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, Nancy Foster, executive director; Garden Terrace, Fort Worth, Texas, Gloria Bautista, executive director; Life Care Center of La Center, Kentucky, Ginger Atkins, executive director; Parkview Care Center, Evansville, Indiana, Connie Kirwer, executive director; Life Care Center of Medina, Ohio, Steve Wolf, executive director; Life Care Center of New Market, Virginia, Deanne Craft, executive director; and Lake Vue Gardens Convalescent Center, Kirkland, Washington, Nancy Butner, executive director.

Life Care Center of Pensacola, Jennifer Lindley, executive director, was recognized for being accredited by the Joint Commission. Those earning certification by the American College of Health Care Administrators were Deanne Craft, Sue Fairley, Dennis Graf, Brian Hackerott, Jon Hennemyre, Julie Klein-Mauracher, Dennis Lopata and Hanh Ta.

Presented TIPS (Totally Integrated Protection System) Awards were Life Care Center of Cleveland, Life Care Center of Lawrenceville, Life Care Center of Morehead, Life Care Center of Greeley, Life Care Center of Westminster, Valley View Villa, Life Care Center of Pueblo, Life Care Center of Aurora (Colorado), Life Care Center of Auburn (Massachusetts), Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley, Life Care Center of the South Shore, Life Care Center of West Bridgewater, Valley View, Lake Vue Gardens, Life Care Center of Orlando, Life Care Center at Inverrary and Life Care Center of Tucson.

Robert Wheeler, a student at Notre Dame High School who volunteers with Life Care Center of Missionary Ridge, was named the Company-Wide Youth Volunteer of the Year, and The Delta Society/Denver Pet Partners, who are affiliated with Life Care Center of Littleton in Colorado, were chosen the Volunteer Group of the Year.

Our congratulations go to all of our award winners. They represent the skill and compassion of associates and volunteers who make Life Care the special company that it is.

--Beecher Hunter