

# Our Award Winners

Life Care presented its two highest awards during the annual management meeting that concluded this past Wednesday. They went to:

- Inez Glass, founder of Cottesmore of Life Care in Gig Harbor, Wash., who received the Carl W. Campbell Wind Beneath My Wings Award for the Company-Wide Volunteer of the Year.
- Mark Krueger, vice president of the Metro and Palm regions in the Southwest Division, who received the Chairman's Award.



Of Glass, nominator Jeron Walker, senior executive director of Cottesmore, wrote that she is “the foundation of the facility that has been built on the legacy she created 40 years ago.”

Walker said Glass has “dedicated her life to serving the residents of her facility, the community, the country and God. She regularly visits the facility and volunteers at least two times a week. Rarely has she missed a week. She is the epitome of dedication, and is a shining example of love. When you are around her, you automatically feel loved.”

Walker added that Glass is “a strong presence in ensuring the intergenerational programs within the facility and daycare are carried out.”

The award was presented by Campbell, its first winner, and the person for whom it is named. Campbell – an entrepreneur and a pioneer in the long-term care industry – was a founder of Life Care Centers of America and is a longtime friend of Forrest Preston and the company.

Krueger received the highest honor an associate in Life Care can be given. It goes to the one executive director or regional or divisional vice president who demonstrates outstanding commitment to excellence so exceptional that it commands attention. Criteria include measurement by Life Care’s mission and values statement and proven leadership capabilities.

Krueger is dedicated to training associates on more effective ways to care for residents. He displays spiritual leadership, including e-mailing a weekly devotional to associates to inspire and motivate them in their daily tasks. He has led his regions to pace their division in the majority of key indicators.



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Facility of the year awards were won by Life Care Center of Banner Elk, N.C., Eastern Division; Laurel Creek Health Care Center in Manchester, Ky., Heartland Division; Life Care Center of Pueblo, Colo., Mountain States Division; Life Care Center of Wilbraham, Mass., Northeast Division; Marysville Care Center in Marysville, Wash., Northwest Division; Life Care Center at Wells Crossing in Orange Park, Fla., Southeast Division; and Lake Forest Nursing Center in Lake Forest, Calif., Southwest Division.



The Division Support Award was presented to Karen Mosier, reimbursement manager for the Heartland Division.

President's Awards went to Beth Cliett, executive director of Life Care Center of Charleston, S.C., and Dianne Harris, field controller, Eastern Division; John Conlon, vice president of the Hoosier Region, and Lou Indelicato, executive director of Life Care Center of Sullivan, Mo., Heartland Division; Terrie Stanton-Nance, vice president of the Pikes Peak Region, and Delwin Lester, executive director of Columbine Manor Care Center in Salida, Colo., Mountain States Division; Stephanie Bonanzino, executive director of Marysville Care Center in Marysville, Wash., and Nancy Butner, executive director of Life Care Center of Kirkland, Wash., Northwest Division; Stacy Valdiva, vice president of the Sun States Region, and Anna Braddy, business office manager at Life Care Center at Wells Crossing in Orange Park, Fla., Southeast Division; Linda Petty, activities director at Citadel Care Center in Mesa, Ariz., and Nelia Yonzon, executive director of Orangecroft Rehabilitation Hospital in Garden Grove, Calif., Southwest Division.

Bina Hribik-Portello, vice president of the Silver Region, was honored for becoming a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Administrators. Marianna Grachek, president and CEO of ACHCA, and Guy Crosson, ACHCA board member, also presented a surprise award to Forrest Preston – ACHCA's national Excellence in Leadership Award for exceptional service to the long-term care industry.



We congratulate all of our winners for well-deserved recognition.

– Beecher Hunter