

The Driggers Impact

Extraordinary leadership, remarkable success. Those qualities describe John Driggers, the senior executive director of Life Care Center of Orange Park, Florida. He received the highest award that an associate in Life Care Centers of America can attain – the Chairman’s Award, presented by Forrest L. Preston at the recently concluded annual management meeting.

What he has accomplished in that facility is, indeed, both extraordinary and remarkable. In addition to eye-opening, positive business indicators, his nomination letter points out that Driggers:

- Promotes quality resident care.
- Encourages associates to take pride in their facility, which is kept in immaculate condition at all times.
- Built an exceptional leadership team that proactively seeks new ways to improve each department.
- Demonstrates concern for and interest in each resident.
- Is involved in the community as a member of the Florida Health Care Association, Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and more.

Driggers has a spirit of compassion, which, combined with his commitment to serving people through personal interaction and efficient protocols, make him a true servant leader in Life Care and in his state.

Facility of the Year honors went to Life Care Center of East Ridge, Doyle Love, executive director; Eastern Division; Life Care Center of Valparaiso, Amber Janeczko, executive director, Heartland Division; Ka Punawai Ola, Kerry Pitcher, executive director, Mountain States Division; Life Care Center of Attleboro, Pat O’Connor, executive director, Northeast Division; Valley West Health Care Center, Marilyn Goodsell, executive director, Northwest Division; Life Care Center at Inverrary, Kenneth Nichols, executive director, Southeast Division; and Citadel Care Center, Molly Bischoff, executive director, Southwest Division.

Winning President’s Awards were Brian Hutchison, senior executive director, Life Care Center of Banner Elk, and Peg Toohey, division director of people development, Eastern Division; Bonni Jackson, executive director, Life Care Center of Wichita, and Caryn Moore, executive director, Hammond-Whiting Care Center, Heartland Division; Angie Aragon-Herrera, executive director, Life Care Center of Aurora, and Cathi Muselman, division director of managed care and marketing, Mountain States Division; Mary Magner, executive director, Hickory House Nursing Home, and Mary Schroeder, executive director, Life Care Center of Plymouth, Northeast Division; Dan Knapp, executive director, Life Care Center

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of Lewiston, and Janice Schultz, dietary manager, Life Care Center of Bothell, Northwest Division; Sal DeCaria, executive director, Life Care Center at Wells Crossing, and Jeff Thomas, division controller, Southeast Division; and Michael Kremer, executive director, North Walk Villa Convalescent Hospital, and Wendy Venrick, business office manager, Desert Cove Nursing Center, Southwest Division.

Division Support Awards went to Lea Cleveland, division rehab director, Heartland Division; and LaRue Lahvic, executive secretary, Southwest Division.

Deficiency-free surveys recognized were (facility and executive director) Garden Terrace at Forth Worth, Gloria Bautista; Life Care Center of Aurora (CO), Angie Aragon- Herrera; Life Care Center of Banner Elk, Brian Hutchison; Life Care Center of Kona, Ray Marks; Life Care Center of Lawrenceville, Bart Walker; Life Care Center of Medina, Steve Wolf; Life Care Center of Plano, Kimberly Hannan; Life Care Center of Puyallup, Kevin Fletcher; Life Care Center of Sparta, Kimberly Parrish; Life Care Center of Seneca, Travis Hecht; Life Care Center of Sullivan, Lou Indelicato; Wooldridge Place Nursing Center, Nancy Foster.

Recognized for certification by the American College of Health Care Administrators were (facility and executive director) Nancy Butner, Deanne Craft, Peter Falk, Julie Klein-Mauracher, Regina Louis and Michael Young. Winning Totally Integrated Protection System Awards were (facility and executive director) Life Care Center of Cheyenne, Sara Delahoyde; Life Care Center of Evergreen (CO), Treg Warnsholz; Life Care Center of Lawrenceville, Bart Walker; and Life Care Center of Reno, Machel Harris.

The Rev. Calvin Cain from Life Care Center of Port Orchard won the Carl W. Campbell Wind Beneath My Wings Award as the Company-Wide Volunteer of the Year. Austin Luce from Wooldridge Place Nursing Center was named Company-Wide Youth Volunteer of the Year, and St. Jude's Catholic Church from Villa Manor Care Center was honored as the Company-Wide Volunteer Group of the Year.

Congratulations to all of our winners.

--Beecher Hunter