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Tennessee nursing homes to celebrate Nursing Home Week

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nursing homes across Tennessee are planning a variety of events in honor of National Nursing Home Week, which begins on Mother’s Day, May 8, and continues through May 14. Gov. Bill Haslam also has proclaimed May 8-14 Nursing Home Week in Tennessee.

Facilities throughout the state are hosting ceremonies with local government officials, picnics, talent shows, carnivals and myriad other activities to celebrate the week, which recognizes the quality care provided in long-term care facilities and honors the people who live and work in those facilities. The 2011 National Nursing Home Week theme, “Fulfilling the Promise,” recognizes the commitment long-term care facilities and caregivers make to provide the highest quality of care to elderly and disabled citizens.

“This is a special week for the long-term care industry,” said Jesse Samples, executive director of the Tennessee Health Care Association (THCA), which is co-sponsoring the annual event along with the American Health Care Association (AHCA). “There are countless patients, volunteers and caregivers who are creating a loving, healing environment for our state’s elderly and disabled. People are welcome to visit long-term care facilities all year long, but I especially encourage visitors to come help us celebrate this special week.”

THCA is a nonprofit organization representing long-term care facilities located throughout the state. For more information about Tennessee’s long-term care community, contact THCA at (615) 834-6520 or visit www.thca.org.

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