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Excellence in long-term care recognized at THCA/TNCAL annual convention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Health Care Association/Tennessee Center for Assisted Living (THCA/TNCAL) honored the best and brightest of Tennessee’s long-term care profession at an award gala during the THCA/TNCAL Convention & Trade Show Aug. 30 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center.

Individuals, groups and facilities from across Tennessee were celebrated for their outstanding accomplishments in long-term care. Awards are presented annually in a variety of categories, from volunteer of the year to distinguished association service.

The 2011 THCA/TNCAL Awards of Excellence winners are:

- Richard T. Sadler Distinguished Association Service Award: George Munchow, administrator, Applingwood Healthcare Center, Cordova;
- Distinguished Professional Service Award: Doyle Love, executive director, Life Care Center of East Ridge;
- Volunteer of the Year Award: Lisa Warren, Fairpark Healthcare Center, Maryville;
- Volunteer Group of the Year Award: Jack and Theresa Holiwski, Center on Aging and Health, Erwin;
- Assisted Care Living Facility Service Excellence Award: Bobbie Ball, Shannondale Assisted Living Center, Knoxville;
- Activity Coordinators of Tennessee Member of the Year: Randy Hutchinson, The Cambridge House, Bristol;
- Directors of Nursing Association Member of the Year: Brandy Franks, Savannah Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Savannah;
- Dietary Supervisors Association Member of the Year: Lorraine Belew, McKenzie Health Care Center, McKenzie;

- Environmental Supervisors Association Member of the Year: Dennis Bearden, McNairy County Health Care Center, Selmer;
- Social Service Workers Association Member of the Year: Lee Ann Warren, McNairy County Health Care Center, Selmer;
- Vendor of the Year Award: McKesson;
- Innovative Program Award: Celebrity of the Week, McNairy County Health Care Center, Selmer;
- Best Practices Award: Blood glucose monitoring, Shannondale Health Care Center, Knoxville; and
- Long-term Care Communicator Award: *Independent Appeal*, Selmer.

“Our award winners represent the finest people, programs and facilities in Tennessee’s long-term care community,” said THCA/TNCAL Executive Director Jesse Samples. “They deserve to take a bow for their efforts to improve the lives of elderly and disabled long-term care residents.”

THCA/TNCAL is a nonprofit organization whose members include long-term care facilities located throughout the state. For more information about nursing homes, visit www.thca.org.

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