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### **Tennessee nursing homes win national quality awards**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Seven member facilities of the Tennessee Health Care Association (THCA) are receiving 2011 Bronze National Quality Awards from the American Health Care Association (AHCA) for their commitment to quality in the long-term care industry.

Bronze award winners have taken the first step in the process of quality improvement through developing an organizational profile that includes vision and mission statements along with awareness of their environment and customers' expectations. These facilities can now work toward earning their silver awards.

The seven THCA members were among the 435 AHCA members that won the Bronze – Commitment to Quality award nationwide. Those facilities were:

- Grace Healthcare of Clarksville;
- Hermitage Health Center, Elizabethton;
- Jefferson County Nursing Home, Dandridge;
- Life Care Center of Hixson;
- Life Care Center of Morristown;
- Life Care Center of Red Bank, Chattanooga;
- Ridgeview Terrace of Life Care, Rutledge.

“THCA is proud to join AHCA in recognizing these members for their commitment to quality,” said THCA Executive Director Jesse Samples. “These facilities serve as an example in their profession and their communities as they work to improve the quality of care for our state’s elderly and disabled.”

The facilities will be honored for their outstanding achievement and presented with their awards Sept. 21 during AHCA’s 62nd Annual Convention and Exposition in Las Vegas. The Gold and Silver Award winners will be announced later in the summer.