CARE PROVIDERS OF MINNESOTA’S 2020 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Nominations for GREATNESS accepted March 23-May 8
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ACCEPTED MARCH 23-MAY 8, 2020

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EASY online submission at www.careproviders.org/Awards

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4 ADDITIONAL NCAL NATIONAL AWARDS FOR HOUSING MEMBERS
(NATIONAL CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING)

ADDITIONAL AHCA NATIONAL AWARDS FOR FACILITY MEMBERS
(American Health Care Association)
IT’S TIME TO SPOTLIGHT THE BEST

MARCH 23, 2020 | Care Providers of Minnesota
2020 Awards Program begins!

MAY 8, 2020 | Nominations due!

Awards presented at Care Providers of Minnesota’s annual
Convention & Exposition at the
Mystic Lake Convention Center,
November 16–18, 2020

The basics...easy as 1, 2, 3!
1. Browse through the categories and read the criteria carefully to ensure the best fit for your
   nominee.
2. Gather all the information BEFORE you apply—incomplete nominations are invalid.
3. Nominate. And don’t stop at one! There is no limit to the number of nominations you can send;
   however, an individual may only be nominated for one award; please review award criteria to
determine which award best suits your nominee.

Two ways to nominate:
1. Complete an online nomination form. Go to www.careproviders.org/awards
2. Send an email with all the attachments to Tessa at tvasko@careproviders.org

Three things to keep in mind:
1. All entries become the property of Care Providers of Minnesota
2. The Recognition Task Force reserves the right to transfer nominations to other categories.
3. All award nominations MUST BE RECEIVED by 11:59 PM • May 8, 2020

Award criteria/general questions: contact Lisa Foss Olson at lolson@careproviders.org or 952-851-2483.
A separate form must be submitted for each nomination

CARE PROVIDER OF MINNESOTA AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE DUE SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2020

Award Category  _______________________________________________________

Award Nominee Information

Nominee  __________________________________________________________________________
Nominee's position  __________________________________________________________________
Facility/Organization  __________________________________________________________________
Nursing Facility_____ Senior Housing/Assisted Living _____ Home Care _____ Corp_____ Other _____
City/location  ________________________________________________________________________________
Length of time at this position _______________ Total length of time in senior care _______________________

Nominator Information

Full name of Nominator ________________________________________________________________
(This is who we will contact for all information about the nominee/award status.)
Nominator’s position  __________________________________________________________________
Email of Nominator/Contact Person ______________________________________________________
Phone of Nominator/Contact Person ______________________________________________________
Administrator/Executive Director  __________________________________________________________

What prompted you to nominate?  _____ direct ask  _____ ACTION article  _____ member email  _____ print materials
______ all of the above  _____ other: _________________________________

IF NOT SUBMITTING ONLINE,
please email the following to TESSA (tvasko@careproviders.org) for each nomination.

_____  2020 Nomination Sheet (copy form as needed)
_____  The written nomination (answering the criteria outlined for the award)
____  Two supporting documents/items as specified in nomination criteria
The ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SENIOR LIVING MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD recognizes the achievements of an individual at the senior leadership level (administrator, executive director, senior living manager) for his/her leadership contributions and skills.

Eligible nominees: Any nursing facility, assisted living/housing or home care member.

Award criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Why your nominee deserves to be this year’s ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SENIOR LIVING MANAGER OF THE YEAR award recipient
2. Specific examples of how this individual is valued as a leader in your organization
3. Specific examples of how the nominee teaches or demonstrates skills that are practical and relevant to the profession
4. Specific examples of how the nominee motivates and inspires leaders and caregivers to improve quality and excellence
5. Specific examples of how the nominee has influenced others to excellence

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Here’s a tip: Don’t rely on using words like “above and beyond” when describing your nominee. Please give examples that the reader can picture in their head!

Congratulations to Ruth Haug, 2019 Senior Housing Director of the Year Good Samaritan Society–Woodland

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The Caregiver of the Year Award honors a nursing aide (CNA/TMA/HHA/NAR) who displays extraordinary skill in caring for individuals residing in a care setting.

Eligible nominees: Any nursing facility, assisted living/housing/home care, or hospice member.

Award criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. How your nominee is a fabulous caregiver, exceeding what is expected of him/her
2. Specific examples of your nominee's exceptional skill in caring for others
3. Specific examples of your nominee exhibiting empathy and respect towards others in the care setting
4. Specific examples of how your nominee promotes dignity

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Congratulations to Saada Ali, New Perspective Senior Living and Shelby Mueller, Good Samaritan Society–Woodland 2019 Caregivers of the Year

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DEDICATED SERVICE
COMPASSION + (365 x Years) = A CAREER IN CARING

The Dedicated Service Award celebrates longevity in the senior care profession! This award recognizes any employee whose service over the course of his/her career—a minimum of 20 years—has positively enhanced the quality of life for individuals in a care setting. The employee’s efforts demonstrate a commitment to their organization and the care-providing profession.

Eligible nominees: Any nursing facility, assisted living/housing/home care, hospice, corporate, or business partner member.

Award criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Why your nominee deserves to be this year’s DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD recipient
2. Your nominee’s career and achievements/highlights/years of service in this profession
3. Specific examples of how your nominee has enhanced the quality of life for individuals he/she has served
4. Participation in the programs, activities, or initiatives at his/her workplace, Care Providers of Minnesota, or other organizations serving the care-providing profession

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Congratulations to Sherri Lage, Woodbury Senior Living
2019 Dedicated Service Award

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
YOU’RE SIMPLY THE BEST, BETTER THAN ALL THE REST

The Employee of the Year Award recognizes an employee for his/her contributions that has improved the quality of life for residents/clients/tenants and/or enhanced the working environment for coworkers.

Eligible nominees: Any NON-CLINICAL employee* nominated by any nursing facility, housing, home care, assisted living, or business partner member.

Award criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Why your nominee deserves to be this year’s EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD recipient
2. Specific examples of how your nominee has demonstrated exceptional skill in their role
3. Specific examples of how your nominee has improved the quality of life for those receiving care or the working environment for coworkers
4. Specific examples of employee’s initiative, commitment, and caring—why are they the best of the best

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

Please note: If chosen for this award, photos and a video of the your nominee will be required for the award presentation at Convention. Staff from Care Providers of Minnesota can assist with the video portion requirement.

*A non-clinical employee is an individual who works in dietary, maintenance, business office, housekeeping, laundry, social worker, chaplain, activities, etc.

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Congratulations to Patty Andrews, Grace Village
2019 Employee of the Year

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INNOVATIVE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR
CONGRATULATIONS—YOU CRACKED THE CODE...NOW TELL US HOW YOU DID IT!

The **Innovative Program of the Year Award** recognizes an individual or team that has tried something different in their delivery or provision of a program or service. It recognizes out-of-the-ordinary efforts to enhance the lives of residents/tenants/clients, or staff at a member organization.

**HINT**: Think PIP (Performance Improvement Projects)

Eligible nominees: Any nursing facility, assisted living/housing/home care, corporate, or business partner member.

**Award criteria**—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:

1. How did you come up with the idea
2. Describe the individual/team effort
3. How is this program new, unique, and innovative
4. How does it add value to your workplace/residents/tenants

**Supporting documents**: Provide supporting information, i.e., data, graphs, or some type of visual showing outcomes about the program.

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**Congratulations to Julie Raasch and Wellstead of Rogers & Diamondcrest Senior Living for their Pound 360 Program**

**2019 Innovative Program of the Year**

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**Here’s what we want to see...**

- numbers
- charts
- testimonials

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**APPLY for this award HERE**

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NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD
YOU DESERVE 365 DAYS OF PTO,
BUT HERE’S AN AWARD INSTEAD!

The Nurse of the Year Award honors an individual who displays extraordinary nursing skills in caring for individuals residing in a care facility/senior care.

Eligible Nominees: Any qualified nurse (LPN/RN) nominated by any nursing facility, assisted living/housing/home care member whose direct care activities comprise 50% or more of his/her practice.

Award Criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Why your nominee deserves to be the NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD recipient
2. Specific examples of your nominee’s exceptional skill in caring for others
3. Specific examples of your nominee demonstrating outstanding compassion, joy, supervisory success, achievement, and capabilities in his/her provision of high-quality, person-centered care
4. Specific examples of how your nominee promotes dignity
5. How your nominee contributes to quality improvement and clinical outcomes

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Congratulations to Amanda Bruinsma, Grace Village
2019 Nurse of the Year

Here’s a tip:
Can’t decide who to nominate? You work with a lot of GREAT nurses, but whose PTO request do you dread signing because they won’t be around that week?

APPLY for this award HERE

www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/9P7d57B7bZblda1vRbK
The Rising Star Award recognizes the contributions of an employee from any discipline, who is new to his/her profession (within the last 3 years) and has made an impact in his/her years of service.

Eligible Nominees: Any nursing facility, assisted living/housing/home care, corporate, or business partner member.

Award Criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Why you believe your nominee deserves the RISING STAR AWARD
2. Specific examples of your nominee’s achievements and ‘can do’ attitude
3. Specific ways your nominee has made a positive impact on the organization
4. What additional information makes your nominee a Rising Star

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Congratulations Katie Cook-Fjelstad, Woodbury Senior Living and Annette Kremer, Maple Lawn Senior Care 2019 Rising Stars
UP & COMING LEADER OF THE YEAR
CELEBRATING THE NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

Age is only a number, right? The Up & Coming Leader of the Year Award recognizes an individual (30 years of age or under...but we won’t check your ID) who has an extraordinary commitment to leadership and service to the long-term care profession.

Eligible nominees: Any nursing facility, assisted living/housing/home care, or hospice member.

Award Criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:

1. Why your nominee deserves to be the first UP & COMING LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD recipient
2. Specific examples of the nominee’s achievements and ‘can do’ attitude
3. Specific examples of how the nominee communicates and shares ideas effectively
4. How the nominee contributes to the profession (i.e. advocating via social media, partnering with other organizations on senior issues, etc.)

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why the nominee is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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NEW AWARD CATEGORY

Here’s a tip: It’s OK to nominate yourself or a friend!

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—INDIVIDUAL
AN INCREDIBLE PERSON WHO GIVES FREELY OF THEIR TIME & TALENTS

Time is our most precious gifts, and volunteers freely give of their time and talents—with no expectation of recognition. The Volunteer of the Year Award—Individual recognizes a youth or adult who has made contributions to the quality of life for residents/tenants/clients or family members, or to the working environment for staff.

Eligible Nominees: Individual of any age who volunteers at any member organization.

Award Criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Explain why your nominee(s) deserves to be this year’s VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD-Individual recipient
2. Length of service; how, when, and why he/she began volunteering
3. Activities and contributions to improve the quality of life for residents/tenants/clients or the working environment for staff
4. Any other praise/stories that make this volunteer exceptional

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Here’s a tip.
Before you start writing about this awesome volunteer, smile when you think about them... and then start writing.
The words will just come from the heart!

Congratulations to Dave & Barb Ask, Glenwood Estates
2019 Volunteers of the Year

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—GROUP
AN INCREDIBLE GROUP WHO GIVES FREELY OF THEIR TIME & TALENTS

Time is our most precious gifts, and volunteers freely give of their time and talents—with no expectation of recognition. The Volunteer of the Year Award—Group recognizes a group of volunteers who have made contributions to the quality of life for residents/tenants/clients or family members, or to the working environment for staff.

Eligible Nominees: A group who volunteers at any member organization.

Award Criteria—please describe (in 1,000 words or less) the following:
1. Explain why your nominees deserve to be this year’s VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD—Group recipient
2. Length of service; how, when, and why they began volunteering
3. Activities and contributions to improve the quality of life for residents/tenants/clients or the working environment for staff
4. Any other praise/stories that make this group of volunteers exceptional

Supporting documents: Please include two additional documents that support why he/she is deserving of this award. These documents should be from sources other than the nominator (i.e., from peers, the organization, residents, tenants, clients, other staff, family members, etc.).

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Congratulations to Dave & Barb Ask, Glenwood Estates
2019 Volunteers of the Year

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NATIONAL AWARDS - NATIONAL RECOGNITION  
Boost morale & impress future employees

APPLY FOR THESE AWARDS, TOO!

WHY IS A NATIONAL AWARD IMPORTANT?
It gives you bragging rights for BEING THE BEST IN THE NATION!

When you win, it lets others know what an amazing staff and/or place you have. It boosts morale and impresses future employees. After all, wouldn’t you like to include in your marketing material that your assisted living nurse, caregiver, administrator/housing director, non-profit program, volunteer was chosen as the best IN THE NATION?

But it can only happen if you submit a nomination.

AHCA/NCAL awards program recognizes employees from around the country who demonstrate exemplary work within the profession.

Each year, members may nominate colleagues for both the AHCA and NCAL award categories. Selected nominees are recognized at the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living’s (AHCA/NCAL) annual Convention & Expo, October 4-7, 2020, in Austin, Texas.

Round trip airfare—for two—to Austin, Texas
Accommodations
Per diem (for meals/expense)
Complementary registration to the national convention • October 4-7, 2020
Tickets to dinner gala & show

AHCA awards categories
• Hero of the Year
• Not for Profit Program of the Year
• Not for Profit Trustee Award
• Adult Volunteer of the Year
• Group Volunteer of the Year
• Young Adult Volunteer of the Year

NCAL awards categories
• NCAL Administrator of the Year
• NCAL Assisted Living Nurse of the Year
• Noble Caregiver in Assisted Living
• National Assisted Living Week Programming

Find more information about these awards at ahcancal.org

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