

LeadingAge Florida's 2015 Awards Program

Call for Nominations

HONORING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO OUR ELDERS

The LeadingAge Florida Annual Awards Program honors those who embody excellence in leadership, and care and service innovation, and who are making outstanding contributions to their communities in the field of long-term care, affordable and supportive housing, retirement housing, assisted living or home and community-based services.

Award categories are organized to encourage the following types of nominees:

- Those that exemplify achievement in all areas of aging
- Those who have served with distinction in their current positions
- Those that have pioneered an innovation or contributed to furthering social responsibility
- Those that focus public attention on the many activities and achievements in LeadingAge Florida member communities

LeadingAge Florida's Awards recognize stories about the residents, employees, volunteers, programs, communities, efforts, initiatives, best practices and organizations that somebody "ought to" know about. Please take the time to acknowledge an individual, organization or entity that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of housing/retirement communities or long-term care for seniors. This is a great way of rewarding and recognizing the people who have contributed to the success of your organization.

A nominee must be a LeadingAge Florida member through a community, firm, aging organization, or resident/council. If you have previously submitted a nomination that was not chosen, you may resubmit that nomination this year.

2015 Award Categories

(Only one award will be presented in each of the following categories)

❖ **Best Practice Award** (*formerly Best Practice/Quality First Awards*)

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals from a LeadingAge Florida member community who develop programs and services that are models of excellence, innovation, best practices at work and have signed the Quality First Commitment and adhere to the 10 Elements of Quality. These programs or services must:

- Provides proven benefits to the residents, clients or organization
- Emphasize quality of life by following the ten elements as outlined in the Quality First Commitment
- Demonstrates the potential for the replication in other communities
- Has been in operation for least six months

❖ **Caregiver/Employee of the Year Award**

This award category is open to all LeadingAge Florida members. The nominee must demonstrate

- Extraordinary Dedication
- Customer Service
- Outstanding Performance
- Commitment to the enhancement of the quality of life for residents of a member community

❖ **Distinguished Service Award:**

This is LeadingAge Florida's most prestigious award. It is presented to an association member or an individual who has made an outstanding contribution on behalf of elders at the state level. The award will only be presented if the LeadingAge Florida Awards Committee determines that extraordinary service has been rendered.

❖ **Executive of the Year Award:**

This award is presented to the CEO, executive director, administrator or manager of a member community who demonstrates:

- The highest qualities of leadership
- Willingness to mentor others
- Innovation and significant contribution to the work of LeadingAge Florida

❖ **Public Servant Award:**

This award is presented to a public employee (state/federal) who has demonstrated extraordinary service and commitment to LeadingAge Florida members.

❖ **Resident Council/Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award is presented to a resident, resident organization or non-resident that volunteers at a member community of LeadingAge Florida. This award recognizes the value of the volunteer who:

- Enhances the quality of life for residents
- Preserves dignity, well-being and independence of residents
- Demonstrates the mission of the member community in a number of ways

❖ **Service Coordinator Award:**

This award recognizes a service coordinator who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to residents through:

- Innovative programming and supportive services
- Creative problem-solving
- Genuine concern for each resident's well-being

❖ **Trustee of the Year Award:**

This award is presented to a volunteer who has served with distinction on the board of a LeadingAge Florida member home and has demonstrated a significant contribution of time and effort to the betterment of a not-for-profit community and its residents.

Awards Presentations:

Many of the awards will be presented during LeadingAge Florida's 52nd Annual Convention and Exposition, the week of June 29, 2015, at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee.

Nomination Process:

Please attach the completed nomination form along with a brief statement indicating why this person or group should be chosen, a list of specific examples of significant service, and up to three letters of recommendation. Please do **not** send slides, videocassettes, audiocassettes or other similar materials with your nomination. They will not be sent through the awards process and LeadingAge Florida cannot guarantee the material will be returned to you.

AWARD DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH.

Send your nomination(s) by email or fax by **April 10, 2015**, to Jean Krier at jkrier@LeadingAgeFlorida.org

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LeadingAge Florida 2015 Award Nomination Form

Submission Date: _____ Nomination Submitted By: _____

I/We nominate the following person/group for consideration as a recipient of the following award:

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| ☐ Best Practice Award | ☐ Resident Council/Volunteer of the |
| ☐ Caregiver/Employee of the Year | Year Award |
| Award | ☐ Service Coordinator Award |
| ☐ Distinguished Service Award | ☐ Trustee of the Year Award |
| ☐ Executive of the Year Award | |
| ☐ Public Servant Award | |

Nominee Information:

Nominee: _____

Position: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Fax/Email: _____

Individual/Organization Submitting Nomination: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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