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LEADINGAGE FLORIDA PRESENTS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SENIOR LIVING AT ITS 55TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND EXPOSITION

Kissimmee, FL—LeadingAge Florida honored six representatives of member communities during its 55th Annual Convention and Exposition held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center, July 29 – August 1, 2018.

“These award recipients are the best of the best senior living professionals and volunteers in Florida, and they work tirelessly to ensure their residents receive the best possible service and care,” said Steve Bahmer, LeadingAge Florida President and CEO. “It is our honor to recognize each of them. They inspire everyone they touch with their commitment to helping older adults live fully as they age.”

The capstone of the Convention was the presentation of the Association’s [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) to [Steve Protulis](#), CEO of [Elderly Housing Development & Operations Corporation](#), Fort Lauderdale, for his more than three decades of work in providing affordable housing for seniors.

Additional 2018 award categories and recipients are as follows:

- [Executive of the Year](#)—[Caridad Vinas](#), Canterbury Tower, Tampa
- [Service Coordinator of the Year](#)—[Maria Haley](#), Villa San Carlos
- [Caregiver/Employee of the Year](#)—[Mary Ann Ocies](#), Village On The Isle, Venice
- [Trustee of the Year](#)—[James Bogner](#), Westminster Communities of Florida
- [Volunteer of the Year](#)—[John Lefebvre](#), Westminster Suncoast, St. Petersburg

Video presentations featuring our award recipients can be found on the [LeadingAge Florida YouTube™ Channel](#). Additionally, photos can be found on our [Instagram™](#), [Twitter™](#) and [Facebook™](#) pages @LeadingAgeFL.

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Established in 1963 as a Florida not-for-profit corporation, LeadingAge Florida is committed to assisting its members in achieving excellence as providers, businesses and employers. The Association provides up-to-date regulatory information, a wide variety of educational opportunities, representation before the Legislature and government agencies, group purchasing services, and opportunities for networking with peers.