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THCA Honors Houston Area Skilled Nursing Facility Staff for Outstanding Service

Licensed Nurses, Nurse Aides Praised for Outstanding Performance, Dedication to Residents, Providing High Quality Care

Houston, TX – Saying that high quality nursing staff are the backbone of Texas’ skilled nursing infrastructure, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) honored thirty-six licensed nurses and fifty-four certified nursing assistants (CNAs) from THCA’s Region 7 -- which includes Walker, San Jacinto, Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Waller, Harris, Galveston, Ft. Bend, Brazoria, Colorado, Wharton, and Matagorda counties.

These outstanding facility staff were nominated for ‘Nurse of the Year’ and “Nurse Aide of the Year”, respectively, at an awards luncheon by area nursing facility administrators for their outstanding performance, dedication to residents, and providing high quality care to all patients. “Our nominees for ‘Nurse of the Year’ and ‘Nurse Aide of the Year’ are exceptional professionals, compassionate in the delivery of care to a very fragile patient population, and dedicated to the very best we as caregivers have to offer,” said Nancy Wood, THCA’s Region 7 Chair.

Wood said the awards process is a vital element of THCA’s commitment to quality care in facilities throughout the state, and helps bring needed attention to the profession’s ongoing quality improvement efforts as well as the need for adequate funding from our state and federal governments. “Skilled nursing care is changing in terms of the variety of complex care services we provide to patients, and our honorees are a prime example of how our workforce is also changing to ensure quality remains at the forefront of everything we do,” Wood continued.

“Nursing facilities are essential to the local economy and jobs base, we must continue to let state and federal lawmakers know Medicaid and Medicare underfunding threatens facility operations, threatens the jobs of these outstanding caregivers, and ultimately threatens seniors’ care itself,” she warned.

Every nominee will receive an award certificate and a \$50 gift card. The second-runner up will receive \$100 cash, and the first-runner up will receive \$250. This year’s “Nurse of the Year” and “Nurse Aide of the Year” will each receive \$500 cash, a trophy, a bouquet of flowers, and will represent Region 7 at THCA’s annual convention November 1-4.

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Founded in 1950, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) is the largest long term care association in Texas. THCA represents a broad spectrum of long term care providers and professionals offering long term, rehabilitative and specialized health care services. Member facilities, owned by both for-profit and non-profit entities, include nursing facilities, specialized rehabilitation facilities, and assisted living facilities.