

MEMORANDUM

TO: MHCA Member Facilities
FROM: Vanessa Phipps Henderson
DATE: February 22, 2010
SUBJECT: Awards Recognition

MHCA will continue its recognition of staff who make a difference in the lives of our residents and will host a luncheon on August 18, 2010, to recognize staff who are award winners.

Please take the time to submit nominations for this important recognition. The deadline for submitting nominations is Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Enclosed is a letter for residents and families with information about submitting a nomination for the Caregiver Award. Please share this with your Residents Council and Family Council.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Melzana Fuller at 601-956-3472 or melzana@mshca.com

Thank you.

Enclosure

Dear Residents and Family Members:

The Mississippi Health Care Association (MHCA) has requested that we share information with you in regard to a recognition program, the MHCA Caregiver Award.

This award will recognize staff who substantially enhance the quality of life for residents. Please take this opportunity to show the individuals who care for you or your loved one that you appreciate what they do.

At a luncheon on August 18, 2010, MHCA will recognize 6 area caregivers, and from these six, one will be selected as the statewide Caregiver of the Year. Each of these caregivers will receive a plaque from MHCA.

Attached are information and an application form for the MHCA Caregiver Award. Nominations will be taken from residents and/or their families. Please consider nominating any member of our staff who delivers outstanding care to you or your family member. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, June 1, 2009.

Thank you.

Mississippi Health Care Association
Caregiver Award Information

Residents and/or their family members are invited to nominate individuals working in long term care facilities for the "Caregiver Award", a recognition program sponsored by the Mississippi Health Care Association.

The Caregiver Award recognizes employees who go above and beyond the regular call of duty and substantially enhance the quality of life for residents. All employees working in facilities that are members of the Mississippi Health Care Association are eligible for the Award. This includes nurses, certified nurse assistants (CNA), dietary staff, housekeeping personnel, maintenance staff, activity professionals, social workers and others.

Criteria:

1. The nomination must be made by a resident or his/her family member.
2. The person being nominated must be employed by a facility that is a member of the Mississippi Health Care Association.
3. The nomination must be submitted by Monday, June 1, 2009, by mail to:
Mississippi Health Care Association
1076 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 125
Ridgeland, MS 39157
OR by fax to: 601-977-0273
4. The nomination must be typed or written in legible handwriting.
5. The judging of this award is based on how the caregiver substantially enhances the quality of life of the residents and what unique things are done above and beyond the job. Special consideration will be given to paraprofessional staff and the number of years of service in the profession.

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Please type or write legibly the information for this application.

Name of caregiver nominated for recognition: _____

Name of facility where caregiver is employed: _____

Caregiver's current position/profession: _____

Caregiver's estimated years of service: _____

Your name (name of person submitting the nomination): _____

Your address: _____
(Street or post office box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Your telephone number: _____

Are you (check one): _____ resident _____ family member of a resident

RELEASE: I hereby grant permission to the Mississippi Health Care Association to publish and distribute the following nomination form. I understand this nomination may be returned to the person I nominate.

Your signature Date

1. How do you know the person you are nominating? _____

2. What makes this person special to you? _____

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3. List specific examples of how this person goes above and beyond the regular call of duty to enhance the quality of life for you and/or your family member. _____

4. How does this person set an example for other employees to follow? _____

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Feel free to attach additional pages of supporting documentation.
Send completed forms by Monday, June 1, 2009 to:
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