



# VALA Diamond Awards

Sparkling Gems of the Assisted Living Industry

2020

## Nomination Submission Package



- ◆ Assisted Living Administrator of the Year Award
- ◆ Outstanding Assisted Living Caregiver Award
- ◆ Assisted Living Best Practices Award

***Nominations must be received in the VALA office by  
June 15, 2020***

*Sponsored by the*

**Virginia Assisted Living Association**

*“Virginia’s Unified Voice for Assisted Living”*



The **Virginia Assisted Living Association (VALA)** recognizes assisted living providers who are the 'sparkling gems of Virginia's assisted living industry' with the *VALA Diamond Awards*. There are three categories of the *VALA Diamond Awards*, and recipients will be recognized in a special video presentation during the luncheon ceremony at the Virginia Assisted Living Annual Fall Conference. We applaud each of the recipients for providing outstanding care on behalf of Virginia's assisted living industry! Please join with us in congratulating and thanking all of our previous VALA Diamond Award recipients!

#### **Assisted Living Administrator of the Year Award**

- ◆ 2019 *To Be Announced*
- ◆ 2018 Jennie Haden
- ◆ 2017 Roslin V. Davis
- ◆ 2016 Benjamin Butler
- ◆ 2015 Maryanne Lee
- ◆ 2014 Rebecca Tacy
- ◆ 2013 Antonio Williams
- ◆ 2012 Linda Bishop
- ◆ 2011 Ann Temple
- ◆ 2010 Jill Sproul
- ◆ 2009 Sally Sperberg

#### **Outstanding Assisted Living Caregiver Award**

- ◆ 2019 *To Be Announced*
- ◆ 2018 Alice Sparzak
- ◆ 2017 Geraldine Walton
- ◆ 2016 Chevonda Thaniel
- ◆ 2015 Francine McLeod
- ◆ 2014 Micah Foreman
- ◆ 2013 Carol Harvin
- ◆ 2012 Tonja Fletcher
- ◆ 2011 Laura Baker
- ◆ 2010 Martha Bishop
- ◆ 2009 Rebecca Tacy

#### **Assisted Living Best Practices Award**

- ◆ 2019 *To Be Announced*
- ◆ 2018 The Mayflower Assisted Living ~ "Know Language Barriers"
- ◆ 2017 The Memory Center of Richmond ~ Handcrafting Kindness Program
- ◆ 2016 Greenfield Senior Living ~ Check-In Angels Program
- ◆ 2015 Commonwealth Senior Living ~ Farm to Table Dining Program
- ◆ 2014 Runk & Pratt Senior Living ~ Social Media Utilization
- ◆ 2013 American Retirement Homes ~ Helping Hands of Support
- ◆ 2012 Commonwealth Senior Living ~ One Sweet Memory
- ◆ 2010 Emeritus Senior Living ~ Home Visit Program
- ◆ 2009 Commonwealth Senior Living ~ Family Connections Program

Please help us to select the next *VALA Diamond Award* recipients by completing and returning the enclosed nomination forms. The guidelines for nomination submission of each category are listed on the nomination forms. Please contact VALA at (804) 332-2111 should you have any questions or need additional information.

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## ◇ VALA Diamond Awards ◇

### ***Assisted Living Administrator of Year Award***

#### **Nomination Form**

The **Assisted Living Administrator of the Year Award** is sponsored by the Virginia Assisted Living Association (VALA) and recognizes assisted living administrators who have demonstrated outstanding leadership through their dedication to the assisted living industry, to their staff, and to the residents and families they serve.

***Nomination Guidelines:*** *One award will be given annually at the awards ceremony held in conjunction with the Virginia Assisted Living Annual Fall Conference. Administrators of Record serving in assisted living communities that are VALA members are eligible to receive the award.*

*All nominations must be submitted on this nomination form along with a current resume of the nominee or a listing of the nominee's employment history and licenses/certification held. Two reference letters are required and may be from staff members, residents, family members of residents, or other individuals who can support this nomination. Supporting documentation should provide evidence of the nominee's dedication to the following:*

- ◆ *Treatment of each resident with dignity and respect;*
- ◆ *Protection of each resident and their rights to privacy and choice;*
- ◆ *Offering of affordable quality care that is personalized for each residents' needs;*
- ◆ *Encouragement of exemplary service from each staff member and community volunteer;*
- ◆ *Dedication to improving the assisted living industry as a whole, through public outreach, legislative services, etc.; and*
- ◆ *Participation in VALA, including attendance at conferences/workshops and at regulatory meetings*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Nomination Checklist:**

- Completed Nomination Form
- Nominee's Resume or listing of employment history with listing of licenses/certifications held  
**(do not include copies of actual certificates or applications of employment)**
- Two (2) reference letters

**Questions?** Call (804) 332-2111

**Nomination Deadline: June 15**

**Return completed nomination forms and supporting documents to:**  
VALA Diamond Awards, PO Box 71266, Henrico, VA 23255  
OR Facsimile: (888) 611-8252

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## ◇ VALA Diamond Awards ◇

### ***Outstanding Assisted Living Caregiver Award***

#### **Nomination Form**

The **Outstanding Assisted Living Caregiver Award** is sponsored by the Virginia Assisted Living Association (VALA) and recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding residential care in assisted living through their services to residents and their family members.

**Nomination Guidelines:** *One award will be given annually at the awards ceremony held in conjunction with the Virginia Assisted Living Annual Fall Conference. Caregivers that are Supporting Partner Members of VALA and caregivers currently employed in assisted living communities that are VALA members are eligible to receive the award.*

*All nominations must be submitted on this nomination form along with a current resume of the nominee or a listing of the nominee's employment history and licenses/certifications held. Each community is limited to a maximum of one nominee per award category per year. Two reference letters are required and may be from staff members, residents, family members of residents, or other individuals who can support this nomination. Supporting documentation should provide evidence of the nominee's dedication to the following:*

- ◆ *Providing quality care to residents;*
- ◆ *Treating each resident, staff member, and community guest with dignity and respect;*
- ◆ *Nurturing the spirit and individuality of each resident;*
- ◆ *Providing exemplary leadership;*
- ◆ *Providing a secure and safe environment for each resident, staff member, and community guest;*
- ◆ *Protection of each resident and their rights to privacy; and*
- ◆ *Punctuality and dedication to their employment position.*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service at present ALF: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Nomination Checklist:**

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### **Assisted Living Best Practices Award**

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The **Assisted Living Best Practices Award** is sponsored by the Virginia Assisted Living Association (VALA) and recognizes assisted living communities who create innovative programs or unique approaches to provide the best service possible to its residents, employees, guests, and local community.

**Nomination Guidelines:** *One award will be given annually at the awards ceremony held in conjunction with the Virginia Assisted Living Annual Fall Conference. Assisted living communities that are VALA members are eligible to receive the award. Each community is limited to a maximum of one nominee per award category per year.*

*All nominations must be submitted on this nomination form along with a detailed description of the nominated best practice and at least two reference letters supporting this nomination. Some example areas where a community may have provided innovative care and exhibited a best practice include, but are not limited to the following:*

- ◆ Resident care;
- ◆ Managed resident services (transportation, activities, housekeeping, security, maintenance, dining services);
- ◆ Staff recruitment and retention;
- ◆ Utilization and support of volunteers; and
- ◆ Community outreach programs.

Nominated Best Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ALF Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Nomination Checklist:**

- Completed Nomination Form
- Detailed description of nominated best practice
- Two (2) reference letters

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