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16 Louisiana Nursing Facilities Receive National Quality Award

(Baton Rouge, LA – May 31, 2018) Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA) announced that 16 nursing facilities from across Louisiana have been selected as 2018 *Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award* recipients earning national honors for their dedication to quality care. The [National Quality Award Program](#) by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) spotlights providers across the country that have demonstrated their commitment to delivering quality care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

“I am proud of our member facilities for their dedication to improving the lives of residents through delivering exceptional quality care,” said Mark Berger, executive director of LNHA. “The *Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award* is an incredible recognition of our unwavering focus on delivering quality care for the residents we serve. Our members are incredibly deserving of this award and I commend each nursing facility’s staff and leadership for their hard work and dedication.”

Implemented by AHCA/NCAL in 1996, the National Quality Award Program is centered on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, which is the foundation of the metric-based [AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative](#). The program assists providers of long term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance excellence goals. Louisiana’s award recipients are:

Affinity Nursing and Rehab Center	Morgan City Health Care Center
Belle Teche Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Natchitoches Community Care Center
Carrington Place of Baton Rouge	Nottingham Regional Rehab Center
Carrington Place of Springhill	Pierremont Healthcare Center
Claiborne Healthcare Center	St. Joseph of Harahan
Colonial Care Retirement Center	Thibodaux Healthcare Center
Golden Age Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center	Twin Oaks Nursing Home
Marrero Healthcare Center	Unity Nursing and Rehab Center

The program has three progressive levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement journey at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision and mission statements and an assessment of customers’ expectations. Award recipients may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the *Silver - Achievement in Quality Award* criteria. These awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL’s 69th Annual Convention and Exposition in San Diego, California on October 7-10, 2018.

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About Louisiana Nursing Home Association

The Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA) is a nonprofit organization representing nearly 250 member nursing facilities and assisted living facilities that care for more than 25,000 of Louisiana’s elderly and disabled individuals each day. On behalf of its members, LNHA advocates for providing quality care and nurturing environments to Louisiana’s frail and elderly. For more information about LNHA, visit our website at www.lnha.org.

About AHCA/NCAL

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represent more than 13,600 nonprofit and proprietary skilled nursing facilities, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, please visit www.ahca.org or www.ncal.org.