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The Oregon Health Care Foundation (OHCF) is the nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to supporting quality long term care in Oregon. OHCF was established to provide educational opportunities for current and future employees at long term care facilities in Oregon, programs that enrich the lives of Oregon Seniors, and outreach to enhance the public understanding and appreciation of the long term care profession.

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OHCF Awards Program 2008

Deadline for nominations extended to Friday, July 25th

There's still time to submit nominations for the 2008 [OHCF Community Champion Award](#).



Eligible Nominees: All individuals, businesses, groups or community organizations (**outside of long term care facilities**).

Criteria: This award recognizes contributions of time, energy, expertise, and/or resources that have enriched the lives of senior residents living in a long term care facility. The nominee's efforts may take the form of educational activities, cooperative ventures, creative collaborations, volunteer activities, aiding in a Senior Wish, or other examples of partnerships that improve quality of life in long term care settings.

Click on the link above to download nomination form to fax, mail, or email. All nominations are due by **Friday, July 25th**. This is a chance to say "Thank You" to those not employed in long term care, but who go the extra mile for the well-being of those living and working in the long term care environment and to show appreciation for everything they do.

We encourage you to share information about this Award opportunity with your staff and residents to ensure that all deserving people have the chance to be recognized. The winners will be honored at the OHCA Annual Convention & Trade Show Awards

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Ceremony September 9th, 2008 at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Oregon. Nominators and Award Winners will be contacted prior to the Awards Ceremony to ensure the Award Winner is present.

Online Nursing Assistant Training Program

The Oregon Health Care Association recently announced Oregon's first Online Nursing Assistant Training Program specifically designed to help address the statewide shortage of CNAs. The aging of the baby boom generation, increased life expectancy and increased staffing ratios in long term care, along with a decline in the number of nursing assistants being trained by traditional means, makes this online training program both timely and essential in meeting the growing demand for CNAs.



The learner-lead online training program received approval from the Oregon State Board of Nursing in May 2008. Currently there are many participating member organizations involved with multiple lab/clinical sites throughout the state and numerous primary and clinical instructors and preceptors.

We encourage you to share information about this innovative new training program with those who may be interested in applying. For more information on the program and to apply please visit www.OregonCNAonline.com.

Senior Wish Spotlight

The OHCF Senior Wish training program focuses on identifying an attainable wish, exploring resources to grant the wish, and provides tools for promoting the wish both within and beyond the long term care community. The following Senior Wish came true thanks to staff members of Avamere at Sherwood who participated in OHCF training sessions.

Hennie Page, a resident of Avamere at Sherwood diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer in April 2008, was given only a few months to live. Through talking with Hennie about his life experiences Caryn Meier, Director of Marketing at the Avamere property, learned of Hennie's dream of going sailing once more.



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Years ago Hennie, a South African native, spent 7 years building a 90 foot charter sail boat in which he sailed tourists around the Caribbean for 8 years. Caryn contacted De Henderson of Island Sailing Club at Jantzen Beach who was moved by Hennie's story and was happy to host a sailing trip.

In June Hennie's dream came true when he was joined by his daughter and grandsons as they set sail on the Columbia River. Before the trip was underway, Hennie was even treated to his favorite meal of filet mignon and a Heineken.

Thanks to the granting of this Senior Wish, Hennie was once more able to experience one of his greatest passions in life, while inspiring those who hear his story. The Oregonian, Koin 6 News and KGW 8 News all featured Hennie's Senior Wish sailing adventure.

If you, or someone you know has granted an extra special Senior Wish, please [contact us](#) to be featured in a future edition of the OHCF Newsletter! Visit OHCF's [Senior Wish page](#) for more information on the program and learn how you can help make a Senior Wish come true.

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You are invited to support OHCF's work by making a tax deductible charitable contribution. The Oregon Health Care Foundation is pleased to recognize donations in its Honor Roll of Donors, which is published annually, included in this newsletter, and [posted on the OHCF website](#). Additionally, supporters at the Advocates level (\$1,000) and above are invited to a festive annual donor appreciation event.

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