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OHCF Award Nominations Due July 24

The Oregon Health Care Foundation annually recognizes and honors professionals who have contributed to the Foundation's development and are dedicated to the future growth and success of its programs. The 2009 awards will be made and presented at the Oregon Health Care Association's Annual Awards Luncheon on September 22nd during the Fall Convention.

Nominations for the following awards are due by **July 24, 2009**:

OHCF Senior Wish Champion Award

Eligible Nominees: Any person or group working in a long term care community.

Criteria: the nominee(s)' extraordinary contribution to fulfilling a Senior Wish (or wishes) facilitated a successful event and enriched the lives of all residents living in the facility by uniting the community. **Five hundred dollars (\$500), to be used to fund future senior wishes, will be awarded to the long term care facility whose nominee(s) is the recipient of the Senior Wish Champion Award.** Click [here](#) for full criteria information and nomination form.

OHCF Community Champion Award

Eligible Nominees: Individuals, businesses, groups, or community organizations (**outside of long term care communities**).

Criteria: the nominee(s)' contributions of time, energy, expertise, and/or resources have enriched the lives of senior residents living in a long term care facility. Click [here](#) for full criteria information and nomination form.

Please visit the [Awards page](#) to view last year's OHCF Award recipients.

Scholarship Program

2009 Summer Scholarship Cycle

OHCF was pleased to receive nearly 60 total applications for the General Studies and Margaret Murphy Carley Scholarships for the 2009

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Champions

Summer Scholarship Cycle. The Scholarship Review Committee will seek to make 25 General Studies Scholarship awards and one Margaret Murphy Carley Scholarship award to be announced by mid-July.

Featured Scholarship Recipient



As a recipient of the Pinnacle Consulting Scholarship *for Quality Care*, awarded during December 2008, Jillien Smith is thankful for the assistance in completing her Bachelor's degree and becoming a Certified Activity Consultant. The Pinnacle Consulting Scholarship is awarded to those currently working in long term care with a desire to gain additional education to advance their long term care career. Candidates must have demonstrated a commitment to quality in their work and have made a positive difference in the quality of life of the seniors they serve.

Jillien is passionate about her work as Life Enrichment Coordinator and Mentor at Clare Bridge of Salem, a memory care RCF and Brookdale Senior Living property. During her eleven years spent caring for seniors in long term care and those in memory care specifically, Jillien has strived to free her residents from the constraints of dementia by coordinating creative services to meet their individual needs and acting as their advocate.

In her current role Jillien has taken her community's life enrichment program to a new level by introducing animals as a method of therapy, transforming her community's courtyard and surrounding woods into a place of recreation, and organizing and implementing an annual camping trip for residents of all ten Oregon Brookdale properties. She also acts as mentor and trainer for Life Enrichment Coordinators of her community's sister properties.



Jillien feels that completing her Bachelor's degree and obtaining her Activity Consultant Certification through the National Certification Council of Activity Directors, will allow her to provide a higher level of service to the seniors she cares for.

"Thank you to Pinnacle Consulting for your assistance in allowing me to continue my service to the elderly while furthering my education to provide a higher level of excellence in this work." - Jillien Smith

The Pinnacle Scholarship will be available during the winter 2009 Scholarship cycle, with applications due November 13. Please visit the [Scholarship page](#) to download applications as they become available and to learn more about the program.

(\$10,000-\$24,999)

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Financial contributions are charitable tax-deductions under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.

Thank you for your support.

Online Help for Caregivers

The Ask Medicare website, launched by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, is a resource for caregivers.

Senior Wish Program

Senior Wish Funding Opportunity

Matching fund grants for Senior Wish initiatives are now available. Please [contact us](#) to make a request or to receive more information.

Senior Wish Spotlight

Each month OHCF features an outstanding Senior Wish, one that not only realizes the dream of the wishful senior, but enriches the lives of all residents living in the facility by uniting the community. The following Senior Wish came true thanks to the dedicated staff of Avamere Rehab of Salem an Avamere Health Services property, OHCF's Senior Wish training session, and in-kind donations from local businesses.

Avamere of Rehab's Life Enrichment Director, Donna McCario, was so inspired and informed after attending OHCF's May 14 Senior Wish training session that just two weeks later she'd already finished coordinating plans to make one of her resident's biggest dreams come true.

Dick Wagner, an 88 year old retired air force captain, wished simply to fly a plane once more "before joining his wife in heaven." Thanks to the generosity of Diamond LLC who donated the flight, Dick realized his wish in the company of his family as well as a group of staff members of his long term care community who were so excited to be part of the experience that they came to the Salem Airport on their regularly scheduled day off.



Dick was driven from his community to the Salem Airport by Starlight Limousine who partially donated the ride. Upon arrival Dick was greeted by family, staff members, and the KOIN 6 news team who aired his story during their evening program. Accompanied by his two sons, Dick was taken up for a 20 minute flight during which he enjoyed taking control and flying the plane for a period of time.

When asked about his Senior Wish experience Dick said his ability to fly the plane came right back and then asked when he'd get to go up again. Click [here](#) to view the KOIN 6 news coverage.

Senior Wish Training Session

<http://www.medicare.gov/caregivers/> includes information on navigating through Medicare, health care services, links to partner organizations that assist caregivers, and personal caregiver anecdotes.

Resources

Learn about the Oregon Health Care Association at www.ohca.com.

Get information about OHCA's upcoming events at <http://www.ohca.com/events.htm>

Explore some of the rewarding career opportunities in long term care at http://www.ohca.com/workforce_center/

Online Nursing Assistant Training Program

Take advantage of affordable prices for the Online Nursing Assistant Training Program, Oregon's first learner lead program of its kind specifically designed to help address the statewide shortage of CNAs notwithstanding the diversion made by the current economic environment.

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

IHC Caregiver Training Available

Caregiver training for In Home Care Agencies includes the following six

Senior Wish training sessions, sponsored by the Foundation, provide the model for developing Senior Wish programs in LTC communities. Attendees come away not only excited to make wishes come true in their community, but also with the tools to make them happen.

2009 remaining training dates:

September 17, 1:30pm-4:30pm, OHCF Office

December 3, 1:30pm-4:30pm, OHCF Office

To register for a training session and/or to learn more about the program please visit the [Senior Wish page](#).

OHCF Ambassador Network

The Oregon Health Care Foundation invites your long term care community to appoint a staff representative to join our network of Ambassadors who can help build awareness and excitement for the Foundation among residents, family members, and staff of your community.

Your community and Ambassador will be prominently recognized on the [OHCF website](#), in our newsletter, and at the annual OHCF event. Ambassadors will be given the opportunity to help guide the Foundation's work to develop new life enrichment programs that can be implemented at your community.

Thank you to our current Ambassadors:

Community name/Owner name/Ambassador name(s)

Avamere at Sherwood/Avamere Health Services/Sue Painter

Camelot Care Center/Prestige Care, Inc./Nancy Leifheit

Caring Heart Health & Homes Services/Dixie Hofer

Clare Bridge Beaverton/Brookdale Senior Living/Amaka Aniefuna

Cornell Estates/Seabold Construction/Debbie Van Dyne

Fountains at Town Center Village/Generations/Terry Rose

Hearthstone at Murrayhill/Hearthstone Management Service/Tom Freitag

Porthaven Health Care Center/Prestige Care, Inc./Jodi Burroughs

Powell Valley Assisted Living/CareWise Management, Inc./Pam Arvidson

Rosewood Park/Seabold Construction/Roberta Bradfield

Rosewood Specialty Care/Seabold Construction/Jennifer Edimon

modules:

- 1) Becoming a Caregiver
- 2) Basic Foundations for Care
- 3) Caregiving in an Emergency
- 4) Nuts & Bolts of Caregiving
- 5) Providing Personal Care
- 6) Crucial Skills

For more information, please contact Wendy Finch at aQuire Training Solutions, (877) 843-8374 or Wendy@acquiretraining.com.

Join Our List

The Terrace at Laurelhurst Village/Farmington Centers/Linda Trenholm

The Woods at Willowcreek/Willowcreek Management Company/Linda Fortune, Holly Simpson, Jackie Morrey

Please [contact us](#) with who from your community you would recommend to be an OHCF Ambassador.

Faculty Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service is pleased to announce that it is seeking applicants for the 2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program. Applications are due July 7, 2009.

The Faculty Loan Repayment Program provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue academic careers.

Individuals selected agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for a minimum of two years. In return, the Federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, up to \$20,000 of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans.

To learn more about the Faculty Loan Repayment Program and for application information, please visit <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/> or contact the HRSA Call Center at 1-800-221-9393.

OHCF

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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