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Masonic Homes of Kentucky Sweeps Statewide Healthcare Honors

Louisville facility named Outstanding Personal Care Home of the Year

Louisville, KY (November 30, 2011) – Masonic Homes of Kentucky was recently honored with 11 statewide awards by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF), including the 2011-12 Outstanding Personal Care Home award for The Pillars Assisted Care Center at Masonic Homes of Louisville.

The honors were a part of the KAHCF's 2011 Professional Achievement Awards ceremony and annual conference, held in Louisville in late November. The KAHCF is Kentucky's trade association representing long-term care facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

"We are proud to consistently showcase the quality aspects of Masonic Homes of Kentucky," said Gary Marsh, CEO of Masonic Homes of Kentucky. "We appreciate the support and recognition from our peers and the community in recognizing our efforts to provide quality housing, health care and services that make a true difference in people's lives."

The Pillars Assisted Care Center at Masonic Homes of Louisville is located on Masonic Home's Frankfort Avenue campus. The Pillars is a licensed personal care facility that offers comfortable and modern living for those who desire independence, but need around-the-clock nursing care.

Other individual 2011 Statewide Facility Discipline Awards given by KAHCF to Masonic Homes of Kentucky include:

- Professional Achievement, Administrative Nursing: Jennifer Mitchell (Masonic Home of Shelbyville)
- Community Outreach: Masonic Home of Shelbyville
- Innovation in Care: Masonic Home of Louisville's "Wings of Doves" Palliative Care Program
- Adult Volunteer of the Year: Forrest "Frosty" Cardwell, Frankfort; Masonic Home of Shelbyville
- Group Volunteer of the Year: The Pals (Janet Fritsche, Polly Dabney and Bonnie England) for managing The Pillars Boutique at Masonic Home of Louisville (All three are residents of The Pillars at Masonic Home of Louisville)
- Professional Achievement, Dining Services: Gary McCurdy (Masonic Home of Louisville)
- Professional Achievement, Medical Services: Leslie Mann (Masonic Home of Shelbyville)
- Professional Achievement, Social Services/Admissions: Angela Smither (Masonic Home of Shelbyville)
- Professional Achievement, Activities: Anne Kuhn (Masonic Home of Shelbyville)

The KAHCF Awards were presented to long-term care facilities that have demonstrated an outstanding level of achievement in the past year. The nominees are judged on strict criteria, including facility and department goals and objectives, quality patient care and goals, the attitudes and enthusiasm of the administrator and staff members and the facility's activities and involvement with their local community. Facilities entering the judging must demonstrate a commitment to quality initiatives and also conduct customer satisfaction surveys of its residents and families.

About Masonic Homes of Kentucky

Founded in 1867, Masonic Homes of Kentucky is a leader in senior living services including independent living, assisted living personal care and long-term skilled nursing care. It owns and operates Masonic Home of Louisville, Sam Swope Care Center, Masonic Home of Shelbyville, Masonic Home Village, Spring Hill Village Retirement Community, Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool, Miralea Life Care Community and Select Home Care Options. For more information, visit info@mhky.com.

About Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities

Established in 1954, KAHCF is the trade association that represents proprietary and nonproprietary nursing facilities and personal care homes across the Commonwealth. One of the state affiliates of the American Health Care Association, KAHCF provides a wide variety of services to member facilities including legislative and regulatory activities, professional development, statewide recognition programs, publications, media relations, research and advocacy relations.

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