



National Long Term Care Organization Honors Grand Island Business Executive

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Washington, D.C.: The American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living honored Jan Thayer of Grand Island, Neb. with the Chairman's Award at its annual convention held in Tampa, Fla. The award is the highest honor an individual can receive and is rarely given by the association.

Thayer is owner and chief executive officer of the Riverside Lodge Retirement Community, located in Grand Island, Neb. The award was established to acknowledge Thayer's longstanding service to the long term care profession and America's seniors. She has held various leadership positions since 1997.

"As the owner of Riverside Lodge, she has an important philosophy: treat every resident as if they were your own mother," said Neill Pruitt, Jr., Chairman of the nation's largest long term care and post-acute organization, during the convention's opening session. "It was this philosophy and dedication that brought her into leadership positions for more than 30 years."

She is the past chair of NCAL and the AHCA PAC Committee. She heads the AHCA Foundation for the Future of Aging and oversaw the creation of the National Center for Assisted Living. She has represented Nebraska at two consecutive White House Conferences on Aging and has also served on the boards of the American Dietetic Association, the American Health Care Association, the Weil Institute for Critical Care Medicine, the Nebraska Health Care Association, Nebraska Assisted Living Association and the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Nebraska Medical Center.

Thayer has been in the health care profession for 30 years as a licensed nursing home administrator and registered dietitian. She is the founder and CEO of Riverside Lodge Retirement Community.

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