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Pictured left to right: Deb Friend, Executive Director, Grace Nordlund-Activities Coordinator, Cathy Roark-Resident Services Coordinator, Jan Thayer-President/CEO all of Riverside Lodge and Helen Crunk, President NALA Board of Administrators.



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## **Riverside Lodge Receives Statewide Recognition**

Riverside Lodge Retirement Community of Grand Island received the Best Programming Award for National Assisted Living Week 2011 from the Nebraska Health Care Association/Nebraska Assisted Living Association. Grace Nordlund and Cathy Roark accepted the award in Lincoln Nebraska at the Annual Awards Banquet. This event recognizes individuals for outstanding service and dedication to residents in Nebraska long term care facilities.

Jan Thayer, owner of Riverside Lodge, was also recognized at the banquet of the NHCA/NALA Convention for her "lifetime of commitment and continued service to long term care in Nebraska." Thayer has served the long term care profession at the state and national levels in numerous capacities. Thayer's involvement with the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) began in 1991 when she was a regional representative of its assisted living committee, the precursor to the formation of NCAL.

"On behalf of the thousands of long term care residents for which Jan has provided a voice, we are grateful," said Heath Boddy, Nebraska Health Care Association Executive Director. "Jan is humble, wise, and highly-respected in the long term care profession at the local state and national level."

*NALA is a non-profit trade association that represents more than 200 for-profit, non-profit, and governmental assisted living facilities in Nebraska. NALA also represents the interests of individuals and businesses interested in the profession of assisted living. Visit [nehca.org](http://nehca.org) for more information.*

