Robin Aman Honored for Outstanding Service to Seniors

Robin Aman, administrator at Rock Cove Assisted Living in Stevenson, will be honored with the 2011 Assisted Living Administrator of the Year Award at the Annual Meeting of the Washington Health Care Association (WHCA) in Tacoma this month.

The awards are designed to acknowledge and recognize those individuals who truly add to quality of life and care for the seniors they serve in Washington nursing homes and assisted living communities.

Robin has worked at Rock Cove for 10 years, the past 8 ½ years as the administrator. "Her staff refers to her as a leader, not a boss," says Mike Brantley, the caregiver who nominated her for the award. A leader indeed: throughout Robin's tenure as administrator, the facility has been citation-free during its annual state inspections and has maintained a 100% occupancy rate.

Robin's work is not limited to Rock Cove Assisted Living. She is also a volunteer EMT in the community and the vice president of the Stevenson Business Association Board. She was honored as the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce 2009 Volunteer of the Year. As an administrator of an assisted living community, one of her main goals is to keep the residents in touch with their local community. Robin has coordinated intergenerational activities such as Easter egg hunts and Santa breakfasts; she also identifies (and grants!) residents' long-standing wishes. For instance, she took a resident on a hot air balloon ride for her 90th birthday and arranged for an 87-year-old resident to ride a horse.

Robin will receive her award at the 2011 WHCA Awards Luncheon, scheduled for May 25th at 12:30 PM in Tacoma, Washington. From here, Robin will be considered for the National Assisted Living Administrator of the Year award sponsored by the National Center of Assisted Living.

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The Washington Health Care Association (WHCA) is a statewide non-profit organization representing over 400 assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.

WHCA's mission is to promote quality long-term health care and services, while serving as an advocate for providers, staff, and the patients and residents they care for. Association members provide health and personal care, social support and housing to 25,000 frail, elderly and disabled Washingtonians each day. About 25,000 employees work for member facilities.