

# HEALTHCARE HEROES



CELEBRATING OUR 2024  
QUALITY AWARD WINNERS



# ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities/Kentucky Center for Assisted Living/Kentucky Senior Living Association represents skilled nursing facilities, assisted living communities, and personal care homes across the Commonwealth.

The Association is committed to elevating Kentucky's senior care providers through advocacy, education, and promotion of Kentucky caregivers.

# MEET THE STAFF

- **Adam Mather**, President
- **Lisa Biddle-Puffer**, Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Affairs
- **Jeremy Bischoff**, Vice President of Reimbursement
- **Rebecca Pfalzgraf**, Vice President of Assisted Living
- **Angela Porter**, Vice President of Education and Member Services
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# ABOUT THIS EDITION

The Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities/Kentucky Center for Assisted Living/Kentucky Senior Living Association hosted its Annual Meeting and Expo November 19-21, 2024. The theme was “Celebrating 70 Years” in honor of the anniversary of KAHCF’s founding.

The Annual Meeting and Expo concluded with the Quality Awards Banquet, celebrating the people and places that care for Kentucky’s seniors. In 2024, over 80 Quality Awards were distributed.

This edition is a continuation of that celebration — a recognition of the facilities, communities, and individuals that were honored during the Quality Awards Banquet. Congratulations to everyone featured, and thank you for all you do for our seniors.



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## A MESSAGE FROM ADAM MATHER



In 2024, I attended my first Quality Awards Banquet hosted by KAHCF/KCAL/KSLA, and I was amazed by the energy in the room. Seeing everyone celebrate together while hearing the incredible stories about each award winner was an uplifting experience, and it reminded me again how honored I am to represent Kentucky's care providers.

The dedication, the compassion, and the incredible selflessness that our members show every day as they care for seniors across the state is inspiring. To have the privilege to serve as the President of your Association is humbling, and the KAHCF/KCAL/KSLA staff and I work hard every day to create a better future for long-term care and assisted living in our home state. We are thrilled to celebrate you!

## GET CONNECTED

Stay in touch with the Association for all the latest news about long-term care and assisted living in Kentucky! From newsletters to Facebook, the Association is consistently sharing stories, news, and photos for care providers across the state. Don't miss out on the latest — connect with the Association today!



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# THE BEST OF KENTUCKY

The Best of Kentucky — Nursing and Rehabilitation Award honors nursing facilities that have provided exceptional care for residents. These facilities must meet various requirements, including a 4- or 5-star rating from CMS at the time of application. This year, 43 facilities were recognized for their commitment to excellent care. Congratulations to the 2024 Best of Kentucky!

BOWLING GREEN NURSING AND REHABILITATION  
 BRANDENBURG NURSING AND REHABILITATION  
 CAMPBELLSVILLE NURSING AND REHABILITATION  
 CEDAR RIDGE HEALTH CAMPUS  
 COLDSRING OF CAMPBELL COUNTY  
 CRESTVIEW HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION  
 ESSEX NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER  
 FOREST SPRINGS HEALTH CAMPUS  
 FRANCISCAN HEALTH CARE  
 GREENVILLE NURSING AND REHABILITATION  
 HARLAN HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER  
 HEARTLAND VILLA CENTER  
 HIGHLANDSPRING OF FT. THOMAS

HILLCREST HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER  
 IRVINE NURSING AND REHABILITATION  
 KENWOOD HEALTH AND REHABILITATION  
 KNOTT COUNTY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER  
 LANDMARK OF ELKHORN CITY  
 LOUISVILLE EAST POST ACUTE  
 MAPLE HEALTH AND REHABILITATION  
 MAPLE GROVE SENIOR LIVING  
 MIDDLESBORO NURSING AND REHABILITATION  
 NAZARETH HOME  
 OAKMONT MANOR  
 PARK TERRACE HEALTH CAMPUS



THE BEST OF KENTUCKY

REDBANKS

REDBANKS COLONIAL TERRACE

RIVER'S BEND RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

SPRINGFIELD NURSING AND REHABILITATION

THE JORDAN CENTER

THE SPRINGS AT STONY BROOK

THE TRANSITIONAL CARE CENTER OF OWENSBORO

THE WILLOWS AT CITATION

THE WILLOWS AT FRITZ FARM

THE WILLOWS AT HARRODSBURG

THE WILLOWS AT SPRINGHURST

TRI-CITIES NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

VILLASPRING AT ERLANGER

WESTPORT PLACE HEALTH CAMPUS

WILLIAMSBURG HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER

WOLFE COUNTY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER

WOODCREST NURSING AND REHABILITATION

WURLAND NURSING AND REHABILITATION



# IRA O. WALLACE AWARD

Ruby Jo Cummins Lubarsky



The Ira O. Wallace Award is the most prestigious award presented by the Association, and its recipients are individuals who have shown exceptional and selfless leadership.

The 2024 Ira O. Wallace winner is **Ruby Jo Cummins Lubarsky**. Ruby Jo was recognized for her more than 32 years of service in Kentucky's long-term care profession, including most recently her time as the Association's interim president in 2023.

# LEGISLATIVE LEGACY AWARD

Jean Wells



**Jean Wells** received the inaugural Legislative Legacy Award. This award was created in 2024 to honor individuals who have shown a lifetime commitment to advocacy and excellence.

Jean is a committed advocate for long-term care in Frankfort. She has worked efficiently across the political aisle to ensure long-term care has a seat at the table, and her dedication and determination have paved the way to a brighter future.

# LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Association's Leadership Award recognizes administrators, executive directors, directors of nursing, and corporate officers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership. Three individuals received this year's Leadership Award.



**Amy Prater**, administrator at **Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center**, is known for her supportive nature. She is the first to offer help when an employee is struggling and often travels to graduations to celebrate her staff and their accomplishments.

**Amy Blair**, administrator at **Campbellsville Nursing and Rehabilitation**, works hard to ensure her facility is involved in the community and has partnered with local organizations to provide education on topics like senior wellness and caregiver support.



**Tracy Younce** is the director of nursing at **Maple Grove Senior Living**. She puts others before herself and goes above and beyond to make sure every team member in every department know the importance of their contributions.

# CARE PARTNER AWARD

The Care Partner Award recognizes the medical directors, dietitians, pharmacists, therapists, nurse practitioners, and physicians' assistants who provide quality care in our facilities and communities. This year, the Association recognized two Care Partners for their exceptional work.



Harold Craft

**Harold Craft** (left) is an occupational therapist at **Knott County Health and Rehabilitation Center**. In addition to caring for residents, Harold once waded through floodwater when the road was blocked to ensure breakfast was served on time.

**Justin Barnes** (right) is a physical therapist at **Hyden Health and Rehabilitation Center**. With his outgoing personality, Justin is fast friends with his residents and is always ready to participate in an event or activity.



Justin Barnes

# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes outstanding individuals who give the gift of their time to facilities and communities. This year, the Association recognized two volunteers for their support.



Nick Martin

**Nick Martin** (left) has volunteered at **Morning Pointe of Richmond** every day for the last eight years. When a new Life Enrichment Director arrived, Nick's consistent presence provided stability for residents during the transition.

**Melody Fisher** (right) volunteers at **Redbanks Colonial Terrace**. Whether she's decorating the facility for various holidays, helping with an activity, or just lending a listening ear, Melody provides the support and encouragement residents need to thrive.



Melody Fisher



Live Nativity

# COMMUNITY EVENT AWARD



BDNRC Prom

The Community Event Award celebrates facilities and communities that have done exemplary work to engage with their community. This year, two events received special recognition. **Sayre Christian Village's Live Nativity** (left) is a one-stop holiday experience. In 2023, the Sayre team gave out more than 700 cups of hot cocoa to visitors from across the Lexington area. The annual **Senior Prom at Beaver Dam Nursing and Rehabilitation Center** (right) brings residents and the community together for a glamorous night. Local vendors provide decorations, food, photography, hairstyling and more to make it a night to remember!

# PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: CAREGIVING

Recognizing Kentucky Medication Aides, Personal Care Caregivers,  
and State Registered Nurse Aides



#1: Toyya Tipton  
Crestview Healthcare  
and Rehabilitation



#2: Teresa Nance  
Providence Pointe  
Healthcare



#3: Debbie Williams  
Hyden Health and  
Rehabilitation Center



#4: Renande  
Phanord-St Louis  
River's Edge Nursing  
and Rehabilitation



#5: Amy Ashby  
Mills Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center



#6: Jamie Crew  
Fair Oaks Nursing and  
Rehabilitation



#7: Katina Bell  
Greenville Nursing and  
Rehabilitation



#8: Janet Mann  
Madisonville Health and  
Rehabilitation



#9: Rolando Martinez  
Essex Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center



#10: Brandy Herald  
Wolfe County Health  
and Rehabilitation  
Center

# PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: NURSING CARE

Recognizing Administrative Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses



#1: Jessica Ashley Hall  
Knott County Health  
and Rehabilitation  
Center



#2: Glenna Wagers  
Hazard Health and  
Rehabilitation Center



#3: Amanda Moore  
Rosedale Green



#4: Lisa Brummett  
Fair Oaks Health and  
Rehabilitation



#5: Jeannie Davis  
Essex Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center



#6: Kelly Castlen  
Redbanks Colonial  
Terrace



#7: Jamie Stovall  
Mills Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center



#8: Ernie Elswick  
Letcher Manor Nursing  
and Rehabilitation



#9: Brenda Moses  
Williamsburg Health  
and Rehabilitation  
Center



#10 Angie Jones  
Barbourville Health and  
Rehabilitation Center

# PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: SUPPORTIVE CARE

Recognizing Activities/Recreation, Dietary, Environmental Services, Social Services/Admissions, and other support services staff



#1: Linda Adams  
Letcher Manor Nursing  
and Rehabilitation



#2: Gail Middleton  
Harlan Health and  
Rehabilitation Center



#3: Millie Johnson  
Sayre Christian Village



#4: Michelle Joiner  
Mills Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center



#5: Tabatha Mann  
West Liberty Nursing  
and Rehabilitation



#6: Melissa Jenkins  
Elliott Nursing and  
Rehabilitation



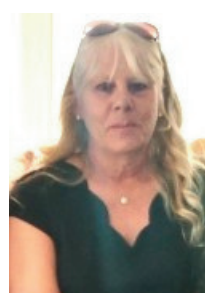
#7: Wendy  
Magdeleno  
Seneca Place



#8: JoBeth  
McFarland  
Fair Oaks Health and  
Rehabilitation



#9: Courtney Cox-  
Phelps  
Williamsburg Health  
and Rehabilitation  
Center



#10: Tammy Lewis  
Greenville Nursing and  
Rehabilitation