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Venice Long Term Care Professional Receives Statewide Honor for Commitment to Quality Nursing Home Care

*Elaine Boyer of Luke Haven at Village on the Isle with Receives
Florida Health Care Association's Honors*

Tallahassee, FL - Florida Health Care Association (FHCA) recently awarded Luke Haven at Village on the Isle Administrator Elaine Boyer with the Association's highest honor, *the Walter M. Johnson, Jr. Circle of Excellence Award*. The Circle of Excellence Award was presented to Boyer in Orlando earlier this month during a meeting of over 600 long term care professionals from across the state of Florida. The Award is given annually to a member of FHCA who has made significant contributions in the past year and has worked toward the growth and development of the Association through the years. Boyer, who served as a member of the FHCA Board of Directors as Region III Vice President from 2008 to 2010, was recognized for her leadership and commitment to providing quality care to her residents and creating a quality workplace for her staff.

Boyer is a long-time proponent of culture change. From promoting enhanced dining experiences, making facility updates that are brightly colored and offer a home-like décor and overseeing the development of a butterfly garden, she has created an environment that focuses on person-centered care. She recently introduced the facility to Skype as a means to better connect residents with their far-away family members and for staff to communicate care plans. Boyer is known for having a personal connection with all of her residents and staff, leading with caring and vision. She has been an active member of Florida Health Care Association since 1982, having served in every officer capacity in her local district, as a Regional Vice President and on the Annual Conference, Legislative and Workforce Development Committees.

The award was presented by 2009 *Circle of Excellence* recipient and FHCA Past President, David Sylvester, who noted that Boyer has "made a life taking care of the needs of others. She does it with ongoing grace and a life-long commitment to long term care."

Florida Health Care Association's *Walter M. Johnson, Jr. Circle of Excellence Award* was initiated in 1972 in honor of a man who was one of the significant forces in the establishment of the Association. Walter M. Johnson served as president of FHCA from 1969-71 and, under his leadership, membership in the Association grew rapidly. He was instrumental in establishing an effective committee system for legislative, reimbursement and regulatory issues. The Award is presented annually to a member of FHCA who has made significant contributions in the past year and has worked toward the growth and development of the Association through the years.

ABOUT THE FLORIDA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

The Florida Health Care Association (FHCA) is a federation which serves nearly 1,000 members and represents over 500 long term care facilities that provide skilled nursing care, short-term rehab, assisted living and other services to the frail elderly and individuals with disabilities in Florida. FHCA was founded on the premise that its members have a moral obligation to the residents they serve, and since 1954 the Association has worked diligently to improve quality of care and quality of life for the state's growing elder care population. For more information about the Florida Health Care Association, visit www.fhca.org.

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