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 **The Laurels of DeKalb Earns 2019 AHCA/NCAL Silver National Quality Award**

**[Butler Indiana]** – **The Laurels of DeKalb** has been recognized as a 2019 *Silver – Achievement in Quality Award* recipient by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). The award is the second of three distinctions possible through the [AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program](https://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_award/Pages/default.aspx), which spotlights providers across the nation that have demonstrated their dedication to improving quality of care for residents and patients in long term and post-acute care.

**We are humbled and honored to receive this quality award. It is a true reflection of the dedication of the staff and their commitment to exceeding the needs and expectations of our Guests, said Erin Tuttle, NHA.**

Based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, AHCA/NCAL’s National Quality Award Program, established in 1996, challenges member providers to achieve performance excellence through three progressive levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. At the Silver level, members develop and demonstrate effective approaches that help improve organizational performance and health care outcomes.

“As a Silver Quality Award recipient, **The Laurels of DeKalb** is well on its way to progress in their quality journey by continuing to achieve better quality results,” said Alana Wolfe, Chair of the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers. “I commend themfor this outstanding achievement.”

As a 2019 recipient of the Silver award, The Laurels of DeKalb can now advance in further developing comprehensive approaches that meet the criteria required for the [*Gold – Excellence in Quality Award*](https://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_award/Pages/Gold-Award.aspx).

The awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL’s 70th Convention & Expo in Orlando, Florida, October 13-16, 2019.

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