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The Laurels of DeKalb Named Long Term Care Facility of the Year by the Indiana Health Care Association

Skilled nursing facility recognized for exemplary contribution and commitment to quality care

BUTLER, Ind. – The Laurels of DeKalb, a skilled nursing facility operated by Laurel Health Care Company, was honored with the *2019 Long Term Care Facility/Assisted Living Community of the Year Award* by the Indiana Health Care Association/Indiana Center for Assisted Living (IHCA/INCAL) at its 2019 Senior Living Awards Sept. 16 at the IHCA/INCAL Convention and Expo in Indianapolis.

"We are delighted to be recognized by IHCA/INCAL for our commitment to delivering quality care," Erin Tuttle, administrator of The Laurels of DeKalb, said. "This award is a testament to the compassion, skill and dedication of our staff that are hallmarks of our organization."

"I commend The Laurels of DeKalb and the rest of this year's Senior Living Award winners for this incredible achievement and take great pride in spotlighting their years of hard work, leadership, and relentless drive to enhance resident experiences every day," IHCA/INCAL President Zach Cattell said. "It is a privilege to honor these role models of our sector, both individuals and teams, for their commitment to excellence and dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of the residents they serve."

A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services five-star rated facility, The Laurels of DeKalb is the premier senior care provider in the state of Indiana. The facility received a 2019 Silver Quality Award from the American Health Care Association (AHCA) for its commitment to improving quality of care in long term and post-acute care and has also successfully achieved five-consecutive deficiency free surveys from the Indiana State Department of Health. Since 2017, it has been awarded a No. 1 ranking through AHCA's Top Line Report in Indiana.

IHCA/INCAL's Senior Living Award program recognizes professionals in nursing facilities and assisted living communities across the state of Indiana for their exemplary contribution and unwavering commitment to delivering quality care. Award winners are selected from peer and colleague nominations.

ABOUT THE LAURELS OF DEKALB AND LAUREL HEALTH CARE COMPANY

The Laurels of DeKalb is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center located in the cozy residential neighborhood of Butler, Ind., dedicated to promoting the highest level of care and quality of life to guests seeking extended stays or short-term respite, rehabilitation or hospice care.

Laurel Health Care Company is a national provider of skilled nursing, rehabilitation, sub-acute and assisted living services with more than 40 locations in five states – Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, North Carolina and Virginia.

ABOUT IHCA/INCAL

The Indiana Health Care Association and Indiana Center for Assisted Living (IHCA/INCAL) is the state's largest trade association and advocacy group representing for-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes, as well as assisted living communities and independent living. The association provides education, information, and advocacy for health care providers, consumers, and the workforce on behalf of its more than 440-member facilities. For more information, please visit www.ihca.org.



Administrator **Erin Tuttle** (center) receives the 2019 Long Term Care Facility/Assisted Living Community of the Year Award at the 2019 Senior Living Awards in Indianapolis.