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D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing of Annandale Village Receives Rare Deficiency-Free Rating

June 17, 2016 - As nursing homes come under greater scrutiny, there is one that continues to provide the highest level of care and compassionate service. In the most recent survey administered (June 2016) by the State of Georgia's Department of Community Health, the D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing of Annandale Village in Suwanee, Georgia, was rated deficiency-free. This is the center's third deficiency-free survey in the last 4 years. It is uncommon for a skilled nursing facility to receive a deficiency-free survey, meaning all services provided at the facility meet or exceed all state and federal standards.

More impressively, despite the large number of nursing homes in the United States, The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing is the only skilled nursing facility in the Southeast dedicated solely to the unique needs of, or has the specialized resources to adequately care for, aging adults with developmental disabilities. Characteristically, individuals served at the Center have a primary diagnosis of an intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, other developmental disability, or have experienced a traumatic brain injury.

"It is an outstanding achievement for our skilled nursing center to receive a deficiency-free rating, assuring that our residents are receiving the highest level of care, said Brandi Meadows, Skilled Nursing Administrator of Annandale Village. "The rating speaks not only to the quality of clinical care we provide, but to the compassion and commitment of our dedicated staff"

In the survey process, the Department of Community Health and its Healthcare Facility Regulatory Division conducts complex and rigorous yearly inspections of nursing facilities to assure all are operating under federal and state regulations.

Inspection surveys are unannounced and conducted on-site over a several day period. The inspection team evaluates all aspects of resident care and nursing facility procedures and practices, assessing facility compliance with hundreds of specific state and federal standards. The inspection determined the D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing was 100 percent in compliance and was issued a Deficiency Free Survey. The average number of citations for facilities in the United States is 8.0. Nationwide, less than 3 percent of nursing facilities earned a deficiency free survey.

"Our ability to provide exceptional care to meet the unique needs of people with developmental

disabilities is a primary reason why families from across the United States the skilled nursing center of Annandale Village to care for their loved one,” said Adam Pomeranz, Chief Executive Officer of Annandale Village. “To achieve a deficiency free survey is extremely rare. To consistently achieve it, like we have been able to do, demonstrates our organization’s commitment to a culture of excellence.”

ABOUT ANNANDALE VILLAGE

Annandale Village is an award-winning nonprofit organization dedicated solely to serving adults with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries. Characteristically, individuals served at Annandale Village are 18 years of age or older with a primary diagnosis of an intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, other developmental disability, or have experienced a traumatic brain injury. Annandale Village is the only nonprofit in the state of Georgia to offer residential living and training alternatives that provide a continuum of service and care for adults with developmental disabilities. The mission of Annandale Village is to provide progressive life assistance to adults with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries so that they can maximize their abilities and maintain their independence in the least restrictive environment.

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