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Skilled Nursing Center Dedicated Solely to Serving People with Developmental Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injuries Named Among “Best Nursing Homes” in United States

Suwanee, GA, February 27, 2014 - The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing of Annandale Village has received the highest possible overall rating of five stars in U.S. News & World Report’s sixth annual “Best Nursing Homes”, released today. Of more than 16,000 nursing homes in the United States, the Center ranked highest among all nursing homes in the state of Georgia, and is ranked among the top one-percent of all nursing homes in the United States.

More impressively, despite the large number of nursing homes in Georgia, The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing is the only skilled nursing facility in Georgia 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, once again, an outstanding achievement for Annandale Village to receive top honors, assuring that our residents are receiving the highest level of care. The five star rating speaks not only to the quality of clinical care we provide, but to the compassion and commitment of our dedicated staff,” said Adam Pomeranz, Chief Executive Officer of Annandale Village. “Our staff members across our 55-acre campus embrace a culture of service and care that starts the moment someone walks through our doors, and throughout a resident’s individual continuum of care.”

Options in quality care for aging adults with developmental disabilities are so limited, Annandale Village recently undertook an aggressive capital campaign to expand its capacity to serve the ever-growing disability population. Within the last year, Annandale completed the first phase of its \$4.0 million capital campaign which has enabled the organization to effectively double the number of individuals it serves at the D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing. In addition, Annandale constructed a new transitional care center, the Amy Somers Center for Continued Care, to meet the needs of individuals experiencing a decrease in independent living skills due to aging and/or characteristics of their disability. Annandale reports that while the 44-year old non-profit organization is currently serving a record number of people on its campus, the growing demand among families in search of quality services for loved ones with developmental disabilities is growing at an alarming rate.

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Although Annandale expanded its capacity to serve more people, the organization said it is already operating at full-capacity and maintains a lengthy waiting list for beds at both the D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled and the Amy Somers Center for Continued Care. In response to this growing need, Annandale plans to break ground on an additional transitional care center, The Keith Keadle Center for Continued Care, in 2014 once the second phase of its capital campaign has been achieved.

“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 country choose the skilled nursing center of Annandale Village to care for their loved one,” said Brandi Meadows, Annandale’s skilled nursing administrator. “Unfortunately, there are limited options in the United States for the specialized level of care needed for men and women with developmental disabilities.”

U.S. News and World Report’s evaluation of nursing homes is based on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a federal agency that assesses homes in three categories—health inspections, level of nurse staffing, and quality of care—and gives each an overall rating. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, about 60 percent of individuals over 65 will require some type of long-term care services during their lifetime and over 40 percent will receive care in a nursing home for some period.

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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