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**The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing of Annandale Village Named Among  
“Best Nursing Homes” in United States**

***Quality of Care, Compassion and Commitment Generates US News and World Report 5-Star Rating***

**Suwanee, GA, March 10, 2011** - For the families of millions of Americans who spend time in a nursing home each year, selecting the right facility for a loved one can be challenging. To help family members make informed decisions, US News and World Report has issued its 2011 report, [“America’s Best Nursing Homes”](#) -- and The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing of [Annandale Village](#) in Suwanee has made the prestigious list for the second consecutive year, earning a “five-star” quality rating.

US News and World Report analyzed more than 15,500 nursing homes in the country. Of that number, only 14 from the state of Georgia received a five-star quality rating; placing The D. Scott Hudgens Center among the nations top nursing homes for quality nationally, according to the report. “It is 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 staff,” said Adam Pomeranz, chief executive officer of Annandale Village. “Annandale Village is extremely proud of the staff at D. Scott Hudgens for earning a place on the prestigious list – the gold medal for nursing homes.”

“By making this exclusive list, we join an elite group of nursing care facilities across the country, which is a testament to the dedication of staff members across all disciplines of Annandale who work together as a team on behalf of our residents,” said Dayna Cramer, licensed nursing home administrator for The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skills Nursing. “Annandale staff members also embrace a culture of caring that starts the moment someone walks through our doors, and throughout a resident’s individual continuum of care.”

The rankings build on data and ratings found on [Nursing Home Compare](#), a federal consumer web site created by CMS. The federal government rates nursing homes in the following areas:

- health inspection results (an 180 item check list), including onsite visits by trained inspectors;
- nurse staffing ratios, a rating that is adjusted to how sick patients are; and
- CMS quality measures, such as how well nursing home residents are able to dress and feed themselves, or how well staff prevents and treats pressure ulcers.

Ms. Cramer pointed out that the five-star quality rating system is not a substitute for visiting a nursing home. However, the data can provide consumers with important information, help them compare nursing homes by topics they consider most important, and educate them on questions they should ask when visiting a nursing home.

## **ABOUT ANNANDALE VILLAGE AND THE D. SCOTT HUDGENS CENTER FOR SKILLED NURSING**

The mission of Annandale Village is to perpetuate a Village community 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.

Annandale Village offers a comprehensive range of residential and non-residential programs to help men and women lead lives that reflect quality, value, self worth, and achievement. Individuals served at Annandale are 18 years of age or older with a primary diagnosis of mental retardation, autism, other developmental disability, or traumatic brain injury. All aspects of Annandale build on a foundation of warmth, security, and acceptance in the village community.

The D. Scott Hudgens Center for Skilled Nursing provides all of the services of a traditional nursing home while specializing in the special needs of individuals with a primary diagnosis of mental retardation or other developmental disability. The facility features sixteen private rooms staffed by professional nurses that have additional training to meet the unique needs of our residents.

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