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Oklahoma Nursing Center Recognized with Prestigious Award During the 23rd Annual "Key To Quality" Awards Ceremony

Washington, D.C. (September 7th, 2017)—Arbor Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Sapulpa, Oklahoma is this year's recipient of the Center of the Year Award. Arbor Village received this prestigious recognition during the 23rd Annual "Key to Quality" Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C..

NAHCA staff provided remarkable justification in their nomination narrative, "Of the 128 centers that sponsor membership in NAHCA in the great state of Oklahoma, Arbor Village stands out. NAHCA believes that the foundation of an excellent care center begins with the unshakeable presence of understanding CNAs: but it takes an entire team to deliver exceptional care every day. Empowered by the center's leadership and supported by Diakonos Group, their CNAs are encouraged to strive to advance themselves through education, training and special projects. This encouragement leads to better care because if you improve the caregiver; you improve the care." NAHCA's awards nomination committee indicated that selecting Arbor Village was a difficult task only because there were nearly 250 nominations.

The Center of the Year Award is given to a nursing center that is a NAHCA member who sponsors innovative programs, continuous education, professional development opportunities, teamwork and person centered care. Their commitment to the residents and staff must be unparalleled and that commitment must be evident based upon outcomes.

Arbor Village received one of only 28 awards presented during the "Key to Quality" Awards Banquet. This seminal event is the proverbial icing on the cake of NAHCA's annual conference. The annual conference brings together CNAs from across the country. This year's conference brought together hundreds of professionals serving in Long-Term, Post-Acute and Assisted Living settings from 26 different states. This two-day event combines; education, networking and recognition for the noble humanitarians that serve our nation's frail and elder citizens.

The National Association of Health Care Assistants (NAHCA) is a professional association of and for Certified Nursing Assistants and is a staff development partner for care centers across the nation. NAHCA elevates the professional standing and performance of caregivers through recognition, advocacy, education and empowerment while building strong alliances with health care providers to maximize success and quality care. For more information about NAHCA please visit their website at <u>www.nahcacareforce.org</u>.

Arbor Village is a 142-bed Skilled Nursing Facility in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. This is but one of many awards received by Arbor Village in the past few years. These awards include Director of Nursing and Administrator of the year awards at the state level and the national bronze quality award from the American Health Care Association. For more information, see <u>ArborVillageNursing.com</u> and <u>facebook.com/pages/Arbor-Village-Nursing-and-Rehabilitation</u>.

Diakonos Group is an award-winning Oklahoma owned and operated long-term care provider. It provides care at multiple locations across Oklahoma. Diakonos Group will open the Lodge at Brookline in Oklahoma City and Cross Timbers Nursing & Rehabilitation in Midwest City, Fall 2017 and just opened the doors to Beacon Ridge – a skilled nursing facility in Sapulpa focused on serving Seniors with Mental Health needs. For more information about Diakonos Group, please visit their website at <u>www.DiakonosGroup.com</u>.

