

Tulsa Long Term Care Professional Receives National Honor

Kimberly D. Green, a Tulsa Senior Health Executive, is receiving national recognition for her work on behalf of seniors.

Green, Chief Operating Officer of the Diakonos Group, has been selected as a member of the inaugural class of “Hall of Honor” inductees in the McNight’s Women of Distinction awards program. Diakonos Group, LLC is an Oklahoma-based company that operates and manages skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities, independent and assisted living facilities, senior mental health facilities, and group homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities (IID).

The Women of Distinction Hall of Honor award recognizes executive-level women who have made significant contributions to the senior housing and care fields.

Green has a Master of Education in medical speech language pathology from Northeastern State University. In her 30 year career, she has served in a variety of roles, from nurse assistant, medical speech-language pathologist, executive operator of her own long-term care consulting company, to COO at Diakanos.

“I found that I could not help make the changes we needed in the industry as a therapist so I recreated myself and became a Medicare specialist, wrote a restorative nursing manual and began speaking all over the country. That led me to working with some amazing, visionary providers and to hopefully help facilitate change and dreaming in our industry,” said Green.

Green is now a nationally recognized speaker on various topics such as Medicare, rehabilitation, geriatrics, restorative nursing, and dementia management. She has written a restorative training program and manual currently implemented by three different state associations.

In 2010, she traveled to Haiti on medical missions after the country’s devastating earthquake, working to and train physicians, nurses and other health care workers on restorative nursing care for the elderly.

Green serves on the boards of the Oklahoma Health Care Association and the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma, as well as the Housing Committee, Aging Taskforce and the Board Development Committee for the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma.

In 2019, she was appointed by the Oklahoma Speaker of the House to the Long Term Care Advisory Group.

Care Providers Oklahoma President and CEO Nico Gomez said Green's Hall of Honor award is evidence that the long-term care profession in Oklahoma attracts dedicated and passionate professionals.

"Kimberly invests herself personally in improving the lives of our direct care staff. She brings joy into everything she does and everyone with whom she comes into contact," said Scott Pilgrim, Diakonos Group CEO and fellow board member

Green lives in Jenks, Oklahoma with her husband, Michael Yates, and her five daughters, Lily, Isabella, Emma, Sofia and Ember.