



Chandler Place

Assisted Living

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Chandler Place Assisted Living Receives Esteemed Recognition

*Metro Facility Receives Care Providers of Minnesota's
Excellence In Assisted Living Award*

Care Providers of Minnesota, the state's premier long-term care trade association, has recognized Chandler Place Assisted Living as their winner for the Excellence In Assisted Living Award for 2005. This is the first time Care Providers of Minnesota has had an award that specifically honors the assisted living field, and with the presentation at Care Providers of Minnesota's annual convention in Minneapolis in November, Chandler Place is the first honoree.

"It is indeed an honor to be the recipient of such a prestigious award that recognizes the finest in our business," said Mark Anderson, Executive Director for Chandler Place. In his remarks upon receiving the award, Anderson credited the matriarch founder of Chandler Place, Marian Post, Minnesota's first licensed female nursing home administrator. "This award is representative of the standards of care and service established by a private duty nurse many years ago who had a vision of quality services to older adults," explained Anderson, "Mrs. Post's high standards of care and service have been carried through the years by her hand-picked staff and they endure today in our good work in service to our residents."

The award competition, a part of the Care Providers of Minnesota's overall awards program, measured facility success in areas such as quality improvement, leadership, client and employee satisfaction, family and volunteer involvement, community involvement, past awards and honors, Care Providers participation and staff building. Competing facilities were required to submit written materials and supporting data to fulfill the strict award competition criteria. The final step in the award judging included a facility tour by the Care Providers Awards Committee who interviewed residents and staff as a part of the complete scoring process.

"Our residents were as excited about the award as our employees," Anderson explained. "They have been coming down to look at and hold the framed award with pure delight!" According to Anderson, the residents were also contributors toward their success in the award competition. Among the award criteria was client involvement. Anderson stated that fulfilling this criterion was easy. "It's important for many of our residents to remain connected to their community through volunteer involvement in local charities such as Sharing and Caring Hands, Feed My Starving Children, food shelves, and even our attached nursing facility, St. Anthony Health Center." Chandler Place residents, through their Tenant Council, give generously over the holidays to area charities and other causes supported by local public safety officials.

In addition to providing senior housing and assisted living services to its residents, Chandler Place is an active member of the St. Anthony community. A charter member of the local Chamber of Commerce, Chandler Place serves as an election site for local and national elections, provides quarterly educational programs to the community on topics relevant to older adults and their families, provides a monthly blood pressure clinic to area residents at a local grocery store, supports and participates in a cooperative program with a neighborhood elementary school, and, provides an annual scholarship to a deserving high school student pursuing higher education in a health care related discipline.

So, what's next for Chandler Place now that they've achieved the status of an award recipient? "It's important for us to earn and achieve that award every day," answered Anderson, "It's what our residents and their families have grown to expect of us, and, it's what they deserve."

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Chandler Place Assisted Living is a 117-unit registered Housing With Services facility located in St. Anthony Village, a near northeast suburb of Minneapolis, and is part of St. Anthony Senior Living, a continuum of care campus serving older adults in the St. Anthony area for nearly 40 years. Care Providers of Minnesota is a state-wide long-term care trade association representing over 400 proprietary and not-for-profit providers of long-term health care and residential living services for Minnesota's frail senior and disabled citizens. Care Providers has been the voice of our state's long-term care and senior housing community since 1947.

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