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Two State College Senior Living Communities Honored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Juniper Village at Brookline Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing and Juniper Village at Brookline Wellspring Memory Care Named Excellence in Care Dementia Programs of Distinction

March 24, 2022 (State College, PA) – Juniper Communities is honored to announce that two of its communities in State College, PA received the Excellence in Care Dementia Programs of Distinction recognition by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. This national, elite and coveted status involves meeting the AFA's rigorous standards for dementia care settings and involves a thorough examination process including an onsite visit and consultation. The standards reviewed include safety and security, staff training, activities, interpersonal communication, and meeting residents' physiological, functional and social needs.

This is the first time Juniper Village at Brookline Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing has received the award, and the second time for Juniper Village at Brookline Wellspring Memory Care.

"Throughout the past two years, with the distractions of a pandemic, the focus of the Brookline Skilled Nursing Facility team has remained to provide exemplar care and services. I am proud of each team member, as their dedication to individualized memory care needs for the residents they serve is receiving the national recognition it so deserves," expressed Kathryn Bainbridge, Nursing Home Administrator, Juniper Village Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing.

Katie Mannino, Executive Director, Juniper Village Wellspring Memory Care, also thanked and congratulated everyone saying, "I am so very proud of the team at Wellspring for achieving this award once again. Excellence is something we strive for everyday in everything we do. Receiving this Excellence in Care award is another great way to recognize and acknowledge the dedication of this team to provide quality care and services to the community."

In a congratulatory letter from Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., President and CEO, AFA, he states it is a great honor to congratulate Juniper's teams on receiving The Alzheimer's Foundation of America Excellence in Care Distinction Award; and their memory care and skilled nursing communities will be recognized as models for dementia care in their community and nationwide.

Excellence in Care is believed to be the first national program involving comprehensive standards, on-site evaluation and consultation to promote continual performance improvement for dementia care settings, such as assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, continuum of care residential communities, and adult day programs.

The voluntary standards are part of AFA's mission to raise the bar on dementia care in the United States and reflect what AFA believes to be the essential components of any quality dementia care program. It also provides families with a means by which to measure facilities.

"As founder of Juniper Communities, this is a wonderful affirmation that our teams are carrying out our mission of making the world a better place by providing the best possible care and nurturing the spirit of life in each resident we serve," said Lynne Katzmann, Founder and CEO, Juniper Communities. "I applaud and thank them for tireless efforts."

About Juniper Communities, LLC

Juniper Communities, a leader in quality, value, and innovation in long-term care, operates senior living communities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Texas that emphasize residents' well-being, interaction, and security. Its approach to housing and care offers residents the opportunity to live a full life, regardless of age or health. Juniper's innovative Connect4Life program has proven to improve residents' care by decreasing hospitalizations, re-hospitalizations, and urgent care visits, while offering potential cost savings to public programs such as Medicare. To learn more about the many ways Juniper Communities innovates in support of our residents, visit www.junipercommunities.com.

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