

Excellence in Programming Award Winners

The Excellence in Programming Awards recognize individual facilities for superior achievement in key areas of long-term care, such as activity programs, community involvement, family involvement, quality assurance, resident councils, special services and staff development.

2022

Boogie Woogie

Villa Siena

Mountain View

Sometimes the most simplistic activities are the ones most greatly enjoyed, and “Boogie Woogie” has certainly proven this to be true. The activity was developed for all residents including those who typically don’t involve themselves in structured programs. The 10-15-minute dance session takes place twice per week outside of the resident dining room where residents and staff “boogie” to big band, dance or doo-wop music from the 1950s. This has proven to be an uplifting activity for the residents and a team building venture for staff. The stimulation also helps keep residents engaged and more alert afterwards.



Simply Succulents

Villa Siena

Mountain View

The “Simply Succulents” garden club was formed during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic after a local nursery owner made a large donation of succulents to the facility's garden. Staff and family members assisted in preparing the soil for planting, and the owner of a local garden center supplied some of the decor and rocks at no charge. Residents have been instrumental in the planting process, the daily care and watering, and helping to promote the program internally. The garden continues to build interest among the residents and serves as a daily reminder that caring for other living things is what life is truly about.



Funny Money with a Purpose!

Horizon Health and Subacute Center

Fresno

A fun shopping experience was created for residents with “Funny Money,” play money they can use to “shop” at the facility’s Christmas Boutique or rummage sale. The residents can buy knickknacks, perfume, fuzzy socks or even toys for their grandchildren. All of the items are bought and donated by staff, resident’s families and the facility. Residents receive the money by attending activity groups or by doing an activity during an in-room visit. This incentive has increased activity attendance: even the more shy residents have been involved. Residents who prefer in-room visits have shown to be more engaging and the visits are longer, creating arts and craft projects and playing board games. Funny Money has proven to be a fun way to aid in preventing social isolation, build confidence and independence, and it gives residents motivation to try something new.



PREVIOUS WINNERS

2019	Sleep Hygiene Bayside Care Center Morro Bay	2017	Resident Memorial Tribute California Veterans Home Redding
	Walk in My Shoes Four Seasons Healthcare & Wellness Center North Hollywood		Get to Know Me! Carmel Mountain Rehab & HC Center San Diego
	Behavioral Health Awareness Program Vista Pacifica Convalescent Jurupa Valley		Medication Safety and Reduction Oakdale Nursing and Rehab Center Oakdale
2018	Mari-Go-Round Stonebrook Healthcare Center Concord	2016	Food Distribution Mission View Health Center San Luis Obispo
	Dining Enhancement Danish Care Center Atascadero		Grand Slam Review (GSR) Los Angeles Jewish Home Reseda
	Block Party Crystal Ridge Care Center Grass Valley		WE CAN Windsor Gardens HC Center of the Valley North Hollywood
		2015	Haunted House Lincoln Glen Nursing Center San Jose
			Alarm Free Fall Prevention Oak Valley Care Center Oakdale
			Nursing Staff Turnover Reduction Carmel Mountain Rehab & HC Center San Diego

ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

2014 The Dream Team
Upland Rehab and Care Center
Upland

Spa Indulgence
Windsor Gardens of Los Angeles
Los Angeles

Veterans Pinning Ceremony
Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility
San Jose

2013 It's Not Too Late Activity Program
Vista Pacifica
Jurupa Valley

Making a Difference
Vista Cove Center
Santa Paula

Post Acute Network
Torrance Memorial Medical Center, TCU
Torrance

Teens Closet
Arroyo Grande Care Center
Arroyo Grande

Women's Group
Bayside Care Center
Morro Bay

2012 Three Rings of Excellence
Shea Family Care
El Cajon

2011 Seniors Saving Seniors
Bayside Care Center
Morro Bay

Neighbor of the Month
Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living
Danville

Backpack to School
Rheem Valley Convalescent Hospital &
Rehab, Moraga/Vital Life Foundation
Moraga

Freda's Corvette
Golden Living Center
Clovis

Under 70 Club
Hi Desert Continuing Care Center
Joshua Tree

Deck the Halls: Holiday House Decorating
Contest
Stonebrook Healthcare Center
Concord

2010 Mission Money & Market
Mission Skilled Nursing & Sub-Acute
Santa Clara

Fan Club
Stonebrook Healthcare Center
Concord

ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

2010
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Computer Cruising
Golden Living Center
Petaluma

2009

Regulatory Jeopardy
Plott Nursing Home
Ontario

Taking the Amtrak to Dairy Queen
Community Sub-Acute
Fresno

A Meaningful Life
Mission View Health Center
San Luis Obispo

Qigong Exercise Class
Parkside Special Care
El Cajon

GTC - Weekly Women's Committee
Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center
Fresno

Hot August Days
Valley Park Nursing & Rehabilitation
Castro Valley

All Aboard
Eureka Healthcare & Rehabilitation
Eureka

Family Pie Night
Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility
San Jose

2008

Bell Band -- The Ring-a-Lingers
Elk Grove Care & Rehab Center
Elk Grove

Bingo Store/Bingo Bucks
Golden Living Center
Fresno

Idylwood Olympics
Idylwood Care Center
Idylwood

Priority Reach
Fillmore Convalescent Center
Fillmore

Spinning Nation
High Desert Haven, Inc
Ridgecrest

Wedding Vow Renewal
Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center
Fresno

2007

Horizon Holiday Mall
Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center
Fresno

Choices Program
Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living
Danville

Concierge Program
Downey Care Center
Downey

ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

2007 Nursing Soft Touch Pressure
(cont.) Prevention Technology
 Vernon Convalescent Hospital
 Los Angeles

 Teamwork Breakfast
 Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center
 Fresno

2006 Summer Spotlight
 Home for Jewish Parents/Reutlinger
 Community for Jewish Living
 Danville

 Holiday Photos
 The Center at Parkwest
 Reseda

 Project Compassion
 San Bruno Skilled Nursing Hospital
 San Bruno

 The Guardian Angel Program
 Fillmore Convalescent Center
 Fillmore

2005 Traveling the World
 Northgate Care Center
 San Rafael

 Helping Hands
 Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility
 San Jose

2005 A Little Thumb Thing For You' Bookmarks
(cont.) Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center
 Fresno

 Snoozer Cruizer – Sleep Hygiene Cart
 Arroyo Grande Care Center
 Arroyo Grande

 A Journey: The Rewards of Shared Vision and
 Shared Governance Through Cultural
 Transformation
 Ararat Nursing
 Mission Hills

2004 Leherhaus Judaica
 Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living
 Danville

 Marc My Words
 Northgate Care Center
 San Rafael

 Popsicle Program/T-Time
 Brookside Skilled Nursing
 San Mateo

 "Potty Training" – Captive Audience Inservices
 Horizon Health & Subacute Center
 Fresno

 TGIF: Friday Day Out
 Community Subacute Center
 Dewitt, Fresno