

# 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.

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## 2023

### **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
- Walk in My Shoes  
Four Seasons Healthcare & Wellness  
Center  
North Hollywood
- Behavioral Health Awareness Program  
Vista Pacifica Convalescent  
Jurupa Valley
- 2018** Mari-Go-Round  
Stonebrook Healthcare Center  
Concord
- Dining Enhancement  
Danish Care Center  
Atascadero
- Block Party  
Crystal Ridge Care Center  
Grass Valley
- 2017** Resident Memorial Tribute  
California Veterans Home  
Redding
- Get to Know Me!  
Carmel Mountain Rehab & HC Center  
San Diego
- Medication Safety and Reduction  
Oakdale Nursing and Rehab Center  
Oakdale
- 2016** Food Distribution  
Mission View Health Center  
San Luis Obispo
- Grand Slam Review (GSR)  
Los Angeles Jewish Home  
Reseda
- 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** Computer Cruising  
**(cont.)** 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