

alzheimer's association™

February 3, 2009

Dear Administrator,

The Alzheimer's Association of Colorado will again be awarding the "George and Pat Sugerman Excellence in Caregiving Award" at our 2009 Annual Education Symposium. **This year the symposium will be held at the Crowne Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn DIA) in Denver on Friday, May 8, 2009.**

This award recognizes a direct professional caregiver (CNA, personal care provider, caregiver, etc.) who provides exemplary care to people with Alzheimer's disease. The award winner will be honored at the conference with a cash award and a certificate of appreciation. The winner will also be recognized in the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado newsletter and receive a recognition plaque.

Please help us recognize outstanding caregivers in your care community. We are enclosing a nomination form and a letter to family members about the award.

There are several ways to get the word out to your families:

- **Make copies of these forms and mail them to your families.**
- **Include this form in your upcoming newsletter.**
- **Hang a poster in your community explaining this award and how to nominate caregivers.**

Your staff deserves to be honored for their outstanding work! Encourage family members to make nominations.

Nomination Guidelines:

- Family members must make the nominations.
- Nominees must be providing direct care to persons with Alzheimer's disease.
- Supervisory personnel may not be nominated.
- Nominations must reach the Alzheimer's Association by **Tuesday, March 31, 2009.**

Thank you for your help. We look forward to receiving nominations from your family members. Please call me at 303-813-1669 if you have questions regarding the award or the conference.

Sincerely,

Amelia Schafer

Amelia Schafer, MS
Education Director



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Dear Family Member,

Each year the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado gives the "George and Pat Sugerman Excellence in Caregiving Award" to a professional caregiver who provides outstanding care to people with Alzheimer's disease. We rely on your nominations to identify these exceptional caregivers.

Each nominee will be recognized during the 2009 Annual Alzheimer's Association Education Symposium. This year our Symposium will be held on Friday, May 8 at the Crowne Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn DIA) in Denver. The winner of the award will receive a cash award, a plaque and recognition in the Alzheimer's Association newsletter.

Guidelines for Nomination:

- Family or friends of individuals receiving care must make nominations.
- Nominees should provide direct care to people with Alzheimer's. Please do not nominate supervisory personnel such as nurses and/or activity directors.
- You may wish to nominate more than one person. However, you must use a separate form for each person as this award is for an individual, not a group of individuals.
- Nominations must be received by **Tuesday, March 31, 2009.**
- Return nominations to the Alzheimer's Association, 455 Sherman St. #500, Denver, CO 80203 or fax the nomination to 303-813-1670 or send to amelia.schafer@alz.org.

Supporting your Nomination:

Be sure to explain why the person you are nominating should receive this award. What makes them special? What do they do which goes beyond what would normally be expected? The selection of the award winner is based on these explanations as well as the number of nominations received for that person.

We appreciate you taking the time to help us recognize those professionals who provide extraordinary care to people with Alzheimer's disease. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Thank you,

Amelia Schafer

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Education Director



**George and Pat Sugerman
Excellence in Caregiving Award**

2009 Award Nomination Form
Nominations must be received by March 31, 2009

Nominee Information: Nominees must be professional care providers working with people with dementia. Although we value and realize the importance of all staff, this award was established to recognize direct personal caregivers, certified nursing assistants, nursing aides, etc. Please do not nominate supervisory staff such as registered nurses, activities staff, or administrators. Thank you.

FAMILY MEMBERS MUST MAKE NOMINATIONS

Caregiver Being Nominated

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Facility/Organization Name _____

Caregiver's Supervisor/Director _____

Facility/Organization Phone Number _____

Person Making the Nomination _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone # _____ Relationship to the person with Alzheimer's _____

- 1) How long has this person been a caregiver?**

- 2) Describe a specific example when this caregiver went above and beyond.**

- 3) How does this nominee excel?**

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