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## **Georgia Health Care Association Announces Leadership Excellence and Administrator of the Year Honorees**

### ***Third Annual Leadership Awards Honor Professionals from Atlanta, Keyville & Norcross***

**STOCKBRIDGE, Ga.** – June 17, 2013 – Georgia Health Care Association members recently honored several professionals for their efforts to help Georgians receive better long-term and post-acute health care by awarding distinguished individuals the association’s Leadership Excellence Awards and the American College of Health Care Administrators’ Administrator of the Year Award.

The third annual GHCA Leadership Excellence Awards were presented at the association’s summer conference by Jon S. Howell, president and CEO of the Georgia Health Care Association, and Deborah L. Meade, chair of the GHCA board of directors. Lorie Scroggs, president of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators, and 2012 winner Dr. Ron Westbury, presented the ACHCA’s award.

Chris Bryson, chief operating officer of UHS-Pruitt Corporation in Norcross, received the GHCA Leadership Excellence Award. This honor recognizes an individual who has provided leadership that is worthy of statewide recognition including a commitment to quality, stewardship and integrity. Bryson, who at this conference was elected chair of the GHCA board of directors, is a recognized leader in long-term and post-acute care. Through his work with UHS-Pruitt Corporation and the Georgia Health Care Association, Bryson contributes to the quality of life of those receiving long-term and post-acute health care in Georgia.

Lois Parrish, administrator of Keyville Nursing Home & Rehabilitation of Keyville, received the GHCA Leadership in Public Confidence Award. This honor recognizes an individual who has been a leader in developing the confidence of their local community and building relationships as well as trust.

**William M. Small, president and CEO of The Fountain Companies, which owns The Fountainview Center for Alzheimer’s Disease in Atlanta, received the GHCA Innovation in Leadership Award. The award recognizes those who have been a leader in developing programs and services that stand out as innovative and unique in their contribution to long-term care. Small was selected because of his development of the first long-term care community in the Southeastern United States developed exclusively for individuals with early, mid- and late-stage Alzheimer’s disease.**

Carolyn Jo Lucke, administrator of the Eagle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Statesboro, received the American College’s Administrator of the Year Award for her more than 30 years of service to the field of long-term care.

“Long-term and post-acute care professionals in Georgia are committed to providing high-quality and compassionate care that meets the ever-changing needs of Georgia’s elderly and disabled citizens,” said Jon S. Howell, president and CEO of the Georgia Health Care Association. “The GHCA Leadership Excellence

Awards and the American College's award are a wonderful way to honor these special individuals whose work impacts thousands of lives each and every day."

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### **About the Georgia Health Care Association**

*Founded in 1953, the Georgia Health Care Association is a not-for-profit organization representing long-term and post-acute care providers located throughout the state of Georgia. The association is dedicated to enhancing the ability of providers to provide competent and compassionate care and advocates for quality care and services for frail, elderly and disabled Georgians. GHCA's more than 340 members serve more than 58,000 individuals annually. For more information visit [www.GHCA.info](http://www.GHCA.info).*