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DEB BARNES RECEIVES SPIRIT OF ADVOCACY AWARD

SAINT PAUL, MN – (Sept. 18, 2019) – Deb Barnes, Administrator, Lakeview Methodist Care Center in Fairmont, received the Spirit of Advocacy Award from LeadingAge Minnesota.

The Spirit of Advocacy award is given to an individual or organization who makes outstanding contributions to advocacy on behalf of aging Minnesotans and the people who provide them with care in long-term care and senior living settings.

Barnes is a long-term advocate for senior care services who has built strong connections with elected officials at the federal, state and local level. She is a member of the LeadingAge Minnesota Public Policy Committee, participates in an Annual Day at the Capitol, and fosters connections to ensure that long-term care is viewed as an integral community asset. Barnes is regularly called to testify at the State Capitol on issues that matter to seniors and professional caregivers.

“Deb Barnes is one of the strongest advocates in the field of older adult services and her voice has made a positive difference on behalf of Minnesota’s seniors and their caregivers,” said Nancy Stratman, Chair of the LeadingAge Minnesota Board of Directors. “Deb is a trusted resource for lawmakers who seek clarity regarding policies that may affect senior care providers and the people who live and work in nursing homes, assisted living and memory care.”

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About LeadingAge Minnesota

Driven to transform and enhance the experience of aging, LeadingAge Minnesota is the state’s largest association of organizations serving older adults. Together with more than 60,000 caregivers, our members provide quality, compassionate care to nearly 70,000 older adults every day in all the places they call home including independent senior housing, assisted living communities, in-home care, adult day services and skilled nursing facilities.

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