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**ACTIVITIES TEAM AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY HOME IN SLEEPY EYE  
RECEIVE MAKE ZERO HARM POSSIBLE AWARD**

Saint Paul, MN (Oct. 3, 2019) – The Activities Team from Divine Providence Community Home of Sleepy Eye was recently recognized with a Make Zero Harm Possible award from LeadingAge Minnesota.

The award recognizes individuals and staff teams in aging services settings who demonstrate their commitment to safe, quality care and to treating the people they serve with respect and dignity – always. Recognized for their leadership, commitment and dedication were ShellyRae Zinniel, Beth Vait-Kosel, Linda Mattson and Rae Mudick.

“A focus on person-centered care and services where residents are engaged in developing and participating in programs that best meet their interests and needs is how we help people experience a high quality of life as they age,” said Gayle Kvenvold, President and CEO, LeadingAge Minnesota. “The Activities Team at Divine Providence Community put respect and dignity at the center of their work, create individual and group activities that engage residents, and provide a positive experience for all who participate.”

The Activities Team has created individual programs and group activities that feature guest entertainers, intergenerational learning and joy-filled events that help residents experience engagement with the broader community, such as boat rides and bike trips. They also take the lead in customizing resident rooms so that their surroundings reflect who they are as individuals and give other staff an opportunity to learn more about the residents based on what they see in the room.

“Our Activities Department is awesome, and we are very proud of the work they do to make sure our residents experience a quality of life. They are humble leaders, who when complimented for their work often respond with ‘that’s just what Activities’ people do.’ But we know they go above and beyond in their work and are very thankful to have them on our team,” said Sister Rhonda

The Make Zero Harm Possible award is one component of LeadingAge Minnesota’s [Safe Care for Seniors](#) initiative, a comprehensive safety and quality improvement program. The program is designed to strengthen the culture of safety, prevent the risk of harm before it occurs, and uncover new opportunities for learning and improvement in the delivery of care and services.

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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 services and support to nearly 70,000 older adults every day in independent living, assisted living, adult day, and skilled nursing.