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Touchstone Communities Takes Home Four Texas Health Care Association Awards

[San Antonio, Texas] – Touchstone Communities®, a growing provider of rehabilitation and skilled nursing care in Texas, is pleased to announce two communities have THCA Nurse of the Year recipients and two others have THCA CNA of the Year recipients.

Tiffany Blackburn, an MSU nurse at Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home, received THCA Region 1 Nurse of the Year.

Sandra Linares, an LVN at The Heights on Huebner, received THCA Region 3 Nurse of the Year.

Rachael Macias, CNA at The Heights on Huebner, received THCA Region 3 CNA of the Year.

Maria Montenegro, CNA at The Heights of Tyler, received THCA Region 4 CNA of the Year.

THCA Region Facility Nurse of the Year Awards are earned by outstanding facility based license nurses who are innovative in dealing with resident and staff needs, and in the delivery of patient centered care in the long term care setting. THCA Region CNA of the Year Awards are earned by outstanding CNAs who are compassionate, caring, and innovative in dealing with residents, families, staff, and delivery of nursing care in the long term care setting.

The Nurse of the Year winners will be given an award at the Nurse Council Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 31 during the THCA Annual Convention & Tradeshow. The CNA of the Year winners will be recognized during the House of Delegates, and will also receive a plaque and monetary gift on Tuesday, October 30 during the THCA Annual Convention & Tradeshow.

In addition to the four winners, Touchstone Communities also has three nominees for the Director of Nursing of the Year award. These nominees are Naila Z. Rodriguez, DON at Mid Valley Nursing and Rehab; Teri Johnson, DON at The Heights of Gonzales; and Nancy Cisneros DON at Laredo Nursing and Rehabilitation. The winner will be announced at the THCA Nurse Council Awards Luncheon on October 31. Cassie Tankersley, LVN at The Heights of Tyler, is also nominated for a Nurse Scholarship from THCA.

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Headquartered in San Antonio, Touchstone Communities® provides health care services including skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and Alzheimer's care. With approximately 2,000 team members, Touchstone Communities® operates 16 communities in Texas. Touchstone also manages long-term care communities for veterans on behalf of the State of Texas located in Amarillo, Big Spring, Floresville, Tyler and Temple. For more information, visit Touchstone-Communities.com.

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