

# 2011

## LeadingAge Oklahoma accomplishments

*inspire. serve. advocate.*

### *inspire.*

**To inspire...by continuing to expand the possibilities for aging through new ideas and innovations.**

- LeadingAge Oklahoma is the convener of the Oklahoma Culture Change Network. Programs included recognized experts on culture change as well as a sharing of best practices by providers. The network meetings, held monthly, are a continuing opportunity to share experiences and knowledge with peers to learn by example.
- Hosted the Oklahoma Culture Change Conference. Over 200 providers attended this event to learn how culture change creates a better environment and care for the elderly, which will, in the long run, create a better business model for existing facilities.
- LeadingAge Oklahoma Leadership Academy honored the first graduating class as the LeadingAge Oklahoma Leadership Fellows. This program offers a learning experience to broaden the participants' knowledge of the many facets of the long term care profession. It can help create job advancement opportunities for individuals who have selected long term care as their life career. The program focuses on the need to foster leaders within our own state and retain professionals working in the state of Oklahoma.
- Our Annual Awards Program recognizes outstanding achievements by individuals and member communities to advance the long term care profession in Oklahoma. Past winners have gone on to win national LeadingAge awards.
- Member network meetings are held on a regular basis to allow members the opportunity to share experiences for the benefit of all members. LeadingAge Oklahoma members are committed to working together to strengthen the not-for-profit sector in our state.

### *serve.*

**To serve...seniors, staff, our organizations and the broader community with a strong commitment to quality in all that we do.**

- Educational seminars were offered for all segments in the continuum of care. Twenty-four seminars were conducted with attendance by over 2,000 long term care professionals.
- With the dramatic change to the MDS 3.0 and the transition to the QIS Survey, LeadingAge Oklahoma has provided exceptional trainings by nationally recognized experts, all for an affordable price, discounted for members. Educational seminars on timely issues provide additional opportunities for providers to enhance their expertise.
- Annual Conference and Exhibition - a two-day event that offers education and networking with professionals in all segments of long term care. Exhibits offer attendees exposure to the latest products and services.
- Value First Group Purchasing - expansion of the program included additional vendors which offer savings on any purchases. This program is available for members and subscribers.

*In 2011*, we became LeadingAge Oklahoma. With the name change, came our renewed commitment to inspire our members with opportunities to enhance their role in the aging services profession, serve our members with valuable educational resources, information and updates to assist their operations, and advocate for policy to ensure a better future for our members. Our promise remains: to inspire, serve, and advocate for mission-driven, not-for-profit providers of aging services.

- LeadingAge Oklahoma became a stockholder in the Value First Group Purchasing Program. Members will benefit in two ways: discounts on purchases and any income the association receives from the program will be reinvested in member services.
- Additional member value programs such as LeadingAge Oklahoma's food program, therapy program and the soon to be announced insurance program.
- Member Surveys - Provide feedback and data to association members on Salary and Compensation, as well as Educational needs.
- Continuation of the LeadingAge Oklahoma SHARE program which connects members to share equipment, furniture, computers, etc. When a member replaces these items, another member benefits by receiving the replaced items.

### *advocate.*

**To advocate...on critical issues by building relationships with local, state, and federal officials to work toward the right policies that make this state and country a better place to grow old.**

- LeadingAge Oklahoma is joined by LeadingAge, our national affiliate, to advocate for the right public policy for the right reasons.
- LeadingAge Oklahoma is a trusted resource for legislators to direct legislation that will be in the best interest of the long term care profession and the people served.
- Collaboration on public policy issues with state agencies, consumer groups, and senior advocates.
- Monitoring of all legislation, regulatory changes and rule updates that could affect long term care providers.
- LeadingAge Oklahoma was instrumental in the approval by CMS of the Waiver of Uniformity which will pave the way for additional funding when the provider fee cap is lifted. This waiver will ensure a more equitable process for the payment of the provider fee by all provider types.
- LeadingAge Oklahoma worked closely with the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners to pass HB 2812. This legislation will expand the scope of the Board to include other segments in long term care. The legislation will ensure greater accountability for all providers.
- Notices of state and federal issues and action alerts were shared for providers to become engaged in the process and have their voice heard.
- Ongoing presence at the State Capitol to ensure that elected leaders are educated on the commitment of not-for-profit providers and understand the valuable contributions made in communities across the state.
- Participation at Senior Day at the Capitol to provide exposure for not-for-profit providers of aging services.

The logo for LeadingAge Oklahoma, formerly OKAHSAs. It features the word "LeadingAge" in a green, sans-serif font with a heart shape integrated into the letter "A". Below it, "Oklahoma" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, and "formerly OKAHSAs" is written in an even smaller, black, sans-serif font at the bottom.