

L. Jean Schoonover Excellence in Caring Awards

This is the sixteenth annual presentation of these awards in recognition of Idaho nursing facilities for their excellence in patient care. This award is named in honor of L. Jean Schoonover who was the Chief of the Bureau of Facility Standards until her death in 1994. She was originally hired in 1967 as a Health Facility Surveyor around the same time that both Medicare and Medicaid implemented their standards for certification in nursing facilities. She saw the industry develop through advertisements in the newspapers soliciting facilities interested in participating in these federal programs, through the beginning of the evolution to the complex set of rules and regulations we work with today. Jean was known for her compassion, fairness, and leadership and was highly respected and admired by her peers both in Idaho and across the nation, by her employees and co-workers in the Department of Health and Welfare, and by the health care industry in the state of Idaho. She is most remembered for her dedication and commitment to the assurance that the citizens of the state of Idaho residing in health care facilities received the highest quality of care possible.

The criteria for the award are:

- Must be both Medicare and Medicaid or Medicaid ONLY provider.
- Must have had a minimum of three full surveys.
- Cannot have had a Substandard Quality of Care (SQC) survey during the last three full surveys.
- Cannot have received more than one “G” level deficiency on any of the last three annual surveys, including follow up visits, with no more than a total of three “G” level deficiencies on those surveys. **NOTE:** Repeat “G” or repeat deficiencies which are increased to “G” are included in the total count.
- No more than a total of 20 tags cited during the last three annual surveys, including follow up visits, and complaint investigations conducted during the last three annual survey cycle. **NOTE:** Repeat deficiencies are included in the total count. A, B, & C level deficiencies are not counted.

2009 - Silver Winners:

Caribou Memorial Living Center – Soda Springs
Cherry Ridge at Emmett Care & Rehabilitation Center – Emmett
Discovery Care Centre of Salmon – Salmon
Good Samaritan Society – Boise Village – Boise
Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center – Burley

2009 - Gold Winners:

Ashton Living Center – Ashton
Blaine Manor – Hailey
Boundary County Nursing Home – Bonners Ferry
Desert View Care Center of Buhl – Buhl
Idaho State Veterans Home – Pocatello – Pocatello
Mountain Valley Care and Rehabilitation Center – Kellogg
Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center – Homedale
Sunny Ridge Rehabilitation & Retirement Center – Nampa
Valley Vista Care Center of St. Maries – St Maries