

Press Release

Presbyterian Homes Health Care Administrator Honored With Excellence In Teaching Award

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Evanston, IL— Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing honored Linda Dotson, RN, MSN, NHA and administrator of health care services at Westminster Place of Presbyterian Homes, with its Excellence in Teaching Award on October 1, 2010. The award was given to Ms. Dotson at the organization's 75th anniversary gala at the Drake Hotel.

Ms. Dotson has promoted advanced nursing education opportunities for Presbyterian Homes' staff and supported a partnership with Oakton Community College to develop an on-site licensed practical nurse (LPN) program for frontline staff employees who would otherwise be unable to continue their education. Presbyterian Homes provided on-site classroom and clinical experience for the students.

“We have certified nursing assistants (CNAs) and other employees who are interested in advancing in a nursing career. Most work full time; many have a second jobs and family responsibilities. It was important for us to create a realistic program where they could participate and be successful,” said Ms. Dotson.

As administrator for health care at Westminster place, Ms. Dotson oversees the delivery of health care services in independent and assisted living, skilled care, intermediate care and memory care. She has focused on care delivery systems, implementing person-centered care, an electronic documentation system for CNAs, innovative technology for wound care, and fall reduction programs. Ms. Dotson has been a speaker on several of these topics at the annual conferences of Life Services Network of Illinois, the Governor's Conference on Aging and nationally, for the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. She is a member of The American Organization of Nurse Executives, American College for Health Care Administrators and the Illinois Nursing Home Administrators Association.

Prior to her role as health care administrator, Ms. Dotson worked at Evanston and Glenbrook Hospitals in staff nurse and nurse manager positions. A resident of Highland Park, Ms. Dotson joined Presbyterian Homes in 1998.

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ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN HOMES

Founded in 1904, Presbyterian Homes is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization with a national reputation for creating extraordinary retirement communities. Presbyterian Homes serves more than 1700 older adults through its residential and

healthcare programs on campuses in Evanston, Lake Forest and Arlington Heights. The organization is accredited by the CARF/CCAC, the nation's only accrediting body for retirement communities.