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National Nursing Assistants Week: Honoring our Hands-on Health Caregivers

MADISON – LeadingAge Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Health Care Association/Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living (WHCA/WiCAL) today encouraged all skilled nursing care centers and assisted living facilities in Wisconsin to recognize the dedicated nursing assistants who provide care to our frail elderly or people living with disabilities who reside in these care centers or receive care at home.

National Nursing Assistants Week is being celebrated June 17-23, 2021. The theme of this year's National Nursing Assistants Week is "Nursing Assistants: Creating a Community of Caring." The week honors the commitment of nursing assistants who are key players in the lives of the people in their care.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our dedicated caregivers **dutifully** came to work every day to care for our residents. They deserve our recognition and thanks, especially after this past year. They continue to work tirelessly and courageously, providing critical and essential care to Wisconsin's long-term care residents," said John Sauer, President and CEO of LeadingAge Wisconsin.

"National Nursing Assistants Week recognizes the important work our caregivers provide to our friends and loved ones," said Rick Abrams, President & CEO of WHCA/WiCAL. "Each day there are more than 85,000 dedicated caregivers who support and care for more than 90,000 older adults and people living with disabilities in nursing homes and other long-term care settings throughout the state and at home with direct support caregivers."

National Nursing Assistants Week is a time to recognize the important work of nursing assistants and honor their valuable contributions in all care settings throughout the state of Wisconsin.

LeadingAge Wisconsin, is a mission-driven, not-for-profit, member-supported, statewide association serving as a leader in advancing the field of long-term care through advocacy, education, and the development of collaborative strategies for its members and the general public. All totaled, LeadingAge Wisconsin serves 562 long-term care, assisted living, senior housing, and other community-based providers principally serving older adults and individuals with a disability.

The Wisconsin Health Care Association (WHCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing, protecting and advancing the interests of Wisconsin's long-term and post-acute care provider community and the residents they serve. The Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living (WiCAL) is a division of WHCA that advocates for assisted living facilities by helping members provide the highest quality services to the Badger State's frail and elderly citizens. Together, WHCA/WiCAL represents long-term care providers across the care continuum in Wisconsin.

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