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## Iowa Health Care Association Member Gracewell Nursing Facility Receives 2023 Governor's Award for Quality Care in Health Care Facilities

**West Des Moines, Iowa** – Gracewell Nursing Facility, a member of Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA), has received the Governor's Award for Quality Care in Health Care Facilities for 2023. This award recognizes Iowa health care facilities that offer unique or innovative activities to enhance the quality of care or quality of life for their residents. Facilities are nominated for the award by residents and family members.

"Iowa's long-term care providers are committed to providing quality care for our state's elderly and most vulnerable residents. This award provides an important opportunity to recognize that commitment and to celebrate those who have dedicated their careers to helping others. Receiving this award at this time is a remarkable achievement, especially in light of all that health care providers have faced in the past three years. Gracewell Nursing Facility has been a long-standing leader of long-term care in our state, and very much deserving of this honor," said Brent Willett, president and CEO of IHCA. Brent Willett and Merea Bentrott, senior vice president, government relations and chief strategy officer, attended the award recognition on behalf of the association.

All health care facilities licensed under Iowa Code Chapter 135C, which include nursing facilities, residential care facilities and intermediate care facilities, including those facilities specializing in the care of persons with mental illness or intellectual disabilities, are eligible to be nominated for this award. Residents and family members may nominate an Iowa-licensed long-term care facility for the award to the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals.

## About Iowa Health Care Association

Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA) and its divisions, Iowa Center for Assisted Living (ICAL) and Iowa Center for Home Care (ICHC), represent organizations that provide long-term care to Iowans through nursing facilities, assisted living, residential care, senior living communities and home health agencies.