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SPRING HILLS SOMERSET ASSISTED LIVING EARNS 2017 BRONZE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

Somerset, NJ (June 16, 2017) – Spring Hills Somerset Assisted Living has been recognized as a 2017 recipient of the *Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award* for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The distinction is one of three progressive award levels through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), the leading association for long term and post-acute care. The program honors association members across the nation that has demonstrated their commitment to improving quality of care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

“It’s an honor to be recognized for our commitment to delivering quality care to our residents,” said Adrienne Hill, Executive Director of Spring Hills Somerset. “We always strive to give the finest care to our residents and receiving the Bronze Award in recognition of this is a wonderful honor. Our shared motivation to achieve excellence has made our community even stronger.”

Alexander Markowits, Spring Hills Senior Communities President & CEO, said, “At Spring Hills, we believe in our motto, “Caring with a Commitment to Quality” and we continue to strive to live up to that high expectation. It is a continuous process to ensure that we are providing the finest care. We hire outstanding associates, incorporate the most up-to-date technology and have core competencies in place for our residents, families and associates. I congratulate the team and I am very proud of everyone at Spring Hills Somerset for earning this award.”

The [National Quality Award Program](#), which AHCA/NCAL established in 1996, is based on the core values and criteria of the *Baldrige Performance Excellence Program*, which is also the foundation of the metric-based [AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative](#). The Baldrige program helps organizations in different business sectors improve and achieve performance excellence.

The Award Program has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile with essential performance elements such as vision, mission statement, and key strengths and challenges. Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a performance improvement system. Trained Examiners review each Bronze application to determine if the center has met the demands of the criteria. As a recipient of the *Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award*, Spring Hills Somerset may now move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the *Silver - Achievement in Quality Award* criteria.

“I commend Spring Hills Somerset for embarking on the journey to quality improvement,” said the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers Chair Alana Wolfe. “I encourage Spring Hills Somerset to continue to build on the strong foundation it has created.”

The awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL's 68th Annual Convention and Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 15-18, 2017.

About Spring Hills Somerset Assisted Living:

The Spring Hills Somerset Assisted Living Community provides premier assisted living and memory care with the finest amenities in the New Brunswick/Somerset County area and is located at 473 Demott Lane in Somerset, NJ 08873. For additional information visit www.springhillssomerset.com or call 732-733-6976.

About Spring Hills Senior Communities & Memory Care Communities:

All Spring Hills Senior Communities', Home Care Services, Assisted Living Communities and Poet's Walk Memory Care Communities offer a distinctive and innovative approach to home care services, assisted living, and Alzheimer's care as led by Alex Markowits, President/CEO. Signature Touches is the company's holistic approach to offering individualized care and services that are designed to meet the needs and preferences of residents and clients. Personal choice is top priority in one of the company's eight Spring Hills assisted living communities or in client's homes with Spring Hills home care services located in NJ, VA, OH, FL and NV, or in one of the company's Poet's Walk memory care communities located in VA and TX as well as soon-to-be NV, CO, FL and IN. For more information about their Caring with a Commitment to Quality dedication to senior living, visit www.spring-hills.com or www.poetswalk-springhills.com.

ABOUT AHCA/NCAL:

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represent more than 13,000 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit www.ahca.org or www.ncal.org.

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