

June 2, 2009

Dear KHCA/KCAL Members:

The KHCA/KCAL Public Relations Committee would like to invite you to submit a nomination for the KHCA Marty Hegarty Life Time Achievement/Distinguished Elder recognition program. This program seeks to highlight and honor the “Inner Beauty” of Kansas elders living in nursing homes and assisted living homes. Because the focus is on the accomplishments of a lifetime, the program is designed to be inclusive and participation is encouraged by all residents regardless of age, sex or current illness.

Enclosed you will find all the materials necessary to select a resident to be represented in this statewide event. The final stage of this recognition will culminate at the KHCA/KCAL 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Trade Show October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Wichita. It is the hope of the KHCA/KCAL PR Committee that the nominated residents and/or their family representatives will be able to join us for a very special recognition ceremony during the Convention.

This contest is designed to accomplish three things:

1. Promote a positive image of the Kansas elders and the nursing homes they live in.
2. Recognize the achievements of the people we serve.
3. Elevate the status of Kansas Elders.

The secondary benefits of this contest include:

1. Staff participation and recognition of “their own.”
2. Opportunities to network with family members and the community.
3. Facility recognition within the community.
4. Opportunity to involve local dignitary and legislative figures.

Wendy Read  
KHCA/KCAL Public Relations VP

Thank you all for your support of KHCA/KCAL, the long term care profession and the KHCA/KCAL Public Relations Committee.

**2009  
Marty Hegarty  
Life Time Achievement**

**Distinguished Elder  
Ambassador Program**

**Sponsored By**

**Kansas Health Care Association  
and  
Kansas Center for Assisted Living**



Send completed Nomination Forms To:

Kansas Health Care Association  
117 SW 6th Ave, Suite 200  
Topeka, KS 66603  
Phone: 785-267-6003  
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## How to Conduct Your Facility Search for the KHCA/KCAL Marty Hegarty Life Time Achievement / Distinguished Nursing Home Citizen Ambassador.

The program is divided into two stages.

### **Stage I**

#### **In-House Contest - Deadline July 10, 2009**

Please consider nominating an individual who has not previously been recognized through this program. This recognition is open to any resident **currently in your KHCA/KCAL Member home** regardless of age, sex, or length of stay. Use the enclosed forms to gather information about residents in your home and select a representative. Judges may be facility staff, resident council members, family council members, outside individuals or a combination. Your facility representative information must be submitted to KHCA by July 10, 2009 to be eligible to move on to the statewide selection. Submit original contestant information form with testimonials and additional information (including pictures if possible) to KHCA - 117 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 200 Topeka, Kansas 66603.

### **Stage II**

#### **State Recognition - October 13, 2009 in Wichita**

During the months of July and August, a KHCA/KCAL staff member will gather additional information and photographs from the winner. Facility and family input is greatly appreciated so that a quality slide show can be made to represent the Ambassador's accomplishments.

All Ambassadors will be invited to travel to Wichita to be honored at the final recognition ceremony, October 13<sup>th</sup> as part of the KHCA/KCAL Annual Convention and Trade Show. KHCA will provide lodging for the Ambassadors in Wichita at the Wichita Hyatt. Staffing and travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winning facility. One resident will receive the KHCA Life Time Achievement Award. The winning facility will receive a traveling trophy with the winner's name, facility name and year engraved on it. Runners up will receive recognition in the category in which they best represent.

**\* Deadline for Nominations is July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 \***

**Kansas Health Care Association**

**2009 Marty Hegarty Life Time Achievement  
Official Resume**

**Contestant Information**

Nursing Home \_\_\_\_\_ Assisted Living \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_  
Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility Rep.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
How Many Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years Married; \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_ Great Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_  
Civic Contributions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Educational Achievement:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Commitment to Family:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Spiritual Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Participation in Facility Life:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Military Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Attitude Toward Life:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach testimonials, pictures and additional information.

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## Judging Sheet

Contestant Name or Number \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### Directions:

Review Contestant information materials. Assign a score to each category. Add up the scores. Throw out the lowest score.

Resident with the highest score wins. In case of a tie, the resident with the greatest age will be deemed the winner.

Category		Low					High	
1. Civic Contributions	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
2. Educational	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
3. Family Commitment	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
4. Spiritual Involvement	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
5. Facility Life	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
6. Attitude toward Life	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	
7. Military Service	NA	1	2	3	4	5	_____	

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

Subtract Lowest Scores \_\_\_\_\_

Revised Total \_\_\_\_\_