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Grace Garden at LifeSpring Earns 2025 AHCA/NCAL Bronze National Quality Award

National award signifies a formal commitment to continuous improvement in quality care.

Fort Valley, GA – Grace Garden has been recognized as a 2025 recipient of the *Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award* by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) for its commitment to improving the lives of residents through quality care. This distinction is the first of three progressive award levels through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. The Program honors providers across the nation that have demonstrated their dedication to enhancing the quality of care for our nation's elders and individuals with disabilities.

"Grace Garden is honored to have been awarded the Bronze Quality Award after having only been open for just over a year. It is our goal to strive to provide the best care to our residents and to continue to strive for excellent quality of care." said Tara Johnson, Grace Garden's Administrator

The AHCA/NCAL [National Quality Award Program](#) is a rigorous three-level process reviewed and evaluated by trained experts against a set of nationally recognized standards for organizational excellence. The standards of the [Baldrige Performance Excellence Program](#) help organizations achieve superior performance over time to improve the quality of life and care of long term care residents.

Providers begin the quality improvement journey at the Bronze level, where they develop an organizational profile detailing among other elements their vision, mission, key customers, and key strengths and challenges. Bronze applicants must demonstrate the use of a performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each application to determine if a center has met the demands of the criteria. As a recipient of the *Bronze - Commitment to Quality award*, Grace Garden may now move forward to the *Silver - Achievement in Quality award* criteria.

"Receiving this award marks the beginning of an exciting journey towards excellence," said Cathy Bergland, AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board Chair. "Congratulations to Grace Garden for this significant achievement. I encourage you to take some time to celebrate and continue striving for higher levels of quality and performance."