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Texas Assisted Living Association (TALA) Names Two Autumn Leaves Associates as 2018 Executive Director and Nurse of the Year

IRVING (Texas) – April 30, 2018 – Anne Neelon, Executive Director at Autumn Leaves of Clear Lake, and Dianna Dumas, LVN, CDP, Autumn Leaves Regional Health and Wellness Specialist have been recognized by the Texas Assisted Living Association (TALA) for excellence in their profession. The awards were presented at the 2018 TALA Conference in Galveston, Texas.

Each year, the Texas Assisted Living Association invites statewide senior living professionals to nominate those who work tirelessly to deliver compassionate care to residents. Ms. Neelon and Ms. Dumas exemplify that commitment to excellence.

“Whether she’s staying late to help caregivers finish their work, training night-shift med techs, or mentoring memory care nurses and caregivers, Dianna is the person you want at your side when times become challenging,” said Vice President of Health and Wellness Schekesia Meadough, RN, BSN, CDP. Ms. Dumas’ selflessness and dedication were never more evident than in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Without hesitation, she helped to evacuate, triage, and care for more than 30 residents from a sister community, in addition to the 35 already in her care. She stayed up night after night walking the halls, encouraging residents and staff, and monitoring the worsening flood conditions just outside the door, not knowing how her own family and home were weathering the storm. After floodwaters receded, Dianna and her husband learned that in addition to losing their vehicles, their home sustained extensive flood damage.

Just a few miles south at Autumn Leaves of Clear Lake, Executive Director Anne Neelon was weathering the same storm as her community was surrounded by Harvey’s rising flood waters. Faced with an unimaginable situation, Ms. Neelon led her team through long days and sleepless nights with skill and determination. Ms. Neelon demonstrates daily her commitment to delivering the very best care not just to her residents, but to their families as well.

“I was impressed with Anne’s detailed and well-thought-out contingency plans,” said a family member. “She worked tirelessly to make sure her residents and her staff were safe and secure. She was careful to communicate frequently with status updates to reassure concerned families. She made the Autumn Leaves organization proud and reassured me that my beloved wife was in excellent hands.”

About Autumn Leaves®

With nearly 50 family-owned- and -operated memory care assisted living communities in nine states, Autumn Leaves is dedicated to serving those living with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. Autumn Leaves communities provide exceptional care and research-based programs that allow for dignified, purposeful living in a safe and active environment. An acknowledged leader in memory care, Autumn Leaves combines clinical expertise, knowledge of dementia, and heartfelt compassion to create the best possible care environment. For more information, visit AutumnLeaves.com, email info@AutumnLeaves.com, or call 888-662-8886.

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