

Westlake, Ohio – Gardens at Westlake located at 27569 Detroit Road, Westlake, an assisted living community is proud to announce Christina Melaragno, as the recipient of the Outstanding Executive Director Award 2011 from the Ohio Assisted Living Association (OALA). Ms. Melaragno has been an employee of Gardens at Westlake for 4 years. Ms. Melaragno’s nomination included many reasons why she should receive such an award:

- “She leads the staff in time of crisis, laughs with residents and staff alike or cries over the unexpected passing of a beloved resident.”
- “She is a visionary with extraordinary talent and creativity and her goal, even at a young age, was to make life better for those lives she touches along the way.”
- “She believes that she and her staff are privileged to do what they do.”

The Ohio Assisted Living Association represents the largest number of assisted living communities of any organization in the state. Representing 352 Ohio communities, OALA is a strong voice on all issues affecting assisted living. The OALA mission is to promote the continued growth of quality assisted living in Ohio, and to ensure its place as an integral part of the long-term care continuum.

These awards were initiated by the Association to publicly commend the work and effort of individuals in the assisted living industry who provide outstanding service and support in their positions to the residents and families in their communities and to their co-workers and the community at large.

All reward recipients were nominated by their colleagues or the residents in their communities and selections were made by a Committee of Trustees from the Ohio Assisted Living Association.

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