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## **Perry Foundation recognizes Nevada's top-performing health care facilities and professionals**

**RENO** – The Perry Foundation Endeavor Awards recently recognized the state's top-performing health care facilities and health care professionals working in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Communities with an event at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks on June 8.

The Perry Foundation is a non-profit organization that improves the quality of care residents receive in Nevada's Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Communities by providing education to the health care professionals working in these communities. The Endeavor Awards are the annual program, honoring these individuals whom excel in providing outstanding care.

### **"Endeavor Award" recipients in Northern Nevada:**

- Achievement in Social Work – **Joanna Boyd**, A Plus Hospice Care
- Extraordinary Therapist – **Nancy Thorpe**, Manor Care Reno
- Activities Program Excellence – **Arlene Tierney-Pierce**, Rosewood Rehabilitation
- Innovation in Dining – **Lynda Grant** – Renown Skilled Nursing
- Distinguished Nurse Educator – **Sherrie Koppelman**, Life Care Center of Reno
- Outstanding Nurse Leader – **Monalisa Guison**, Summit Estates Senior Living
- Caregiver of the Year – **Kelly Bell**, Skyline Estates Senior Living

- Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year – **Mildre Ortega**, Hearthstone of Northern Nevada
- Administrator of the Year – **Vangie Molino**, Vista Adult Care
- Gold Endeavor Award – For Quality of Care in an Assisted Living Community  
**Park Place Assisted Living**, Reno
- Silver Endeavor Award – For Quality of Care in an Assisted Living Community  
**Summit Estates Senior Living**, Reno
- Gold Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Skilled Nursing Facility  
**Life Care Center of Reno**, Reno.
- Silver Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Skilled Nursing Facility  
**Rosewood Rehabilitation Center**, Reno
- Bronze Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Skilled Nursing Facility  
**Manor Care Health Services - Reno**, Reno

“The Perry Foundation promotes quality care by recognizing the top-performing communities and health care professionals,” said Robert Kidd, foundation president. “We spend a great deal of time, analyzing the needs of the caregivers of which we build educational programs around, all with the goal of improving the quality of care the residents in the buildings are receiving.”

According to Kidd, the Foundation last year awarded more than 2,000 continuing education units to licensed administrators, executive directors, licensed nurses, and social workers throughout Nevada. The Foundation has also provided hundreds of hours of in-house education and training for health care facilities and communities. In 2016, the Foundation has embarked on a collaboration with the Sanford Center for Aging at UNR to bring the Culture Change movement to Nevada. In addition, the Foundation has been approved for a grant from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare to launch the Nevada Music & Memory Initiative, bringing the nationally acclaimed Music & Memory program to Nevada. This will improve the quality of life for over a thousand

individuals residing in Nevada Nursing Homes with Alzheimer's or other dementia related diseases.

**About the Perry Foundation**

*The Perry Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-provider-based charitable foundation that, through community awareness and donor support, is committed to providing education to Nevada's post-acute provider and regulatory community. Through this education, the foundation improves the quality of care provided to the residents of Nevada's post-acute community, which includes skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. For more information, visit: [www.PerryFoundationNV.org](http://www.PerryFoundationNV.org) .*

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