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Leisureworld Launches 2009 Award of Excellence Program

Staff, families and residents can submit nominations until Sept. 7



Award of Excellence

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First launched in 2008, the Award of Excellence Program is sponsored by the Macquarie Group and honours staff members at Leisureworld Caregiving Centres and Preferred Health Care Services who exemplify the organization's core values of Respect, Com-

mitment, Teamwork, Communication and Learning.

The Award of Excellence Program is a way for Leisureworld to showcase its most important assets — it's people, says Josephine DesLauriers, vice-president of human resources.

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individual, of the team they work with, the home they work in, and the organization

a \$1,000 monetary gift.

In addition, with the support of the Macquarie

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— *Josephine DesLauriers, vice-president of human resources, Leisureworld*

Group Foundation, \$500 will be donated in each recipient's name to a registered charity of his or her choice.

Nominations for this year's event close Sept. 7 and

as a whole," she says.

DesLauriers adds the program contributes to the company's strategic plan. "People" is one of two pillars, along with "Quality," in the 2009 business plan, and the Award of Excellence Program is an important initiative that demonstrates the organization's commitment to recognizing the work of staff members.

One award winner will be selected in each category and will be presented with a commemorative plaque and

the award winners will be announced Nov. 14. The winners will be publicly recognized for their efforts during a special ceremony.

The Award of Excellence brochure and nomination form are available at all Leisureworld homes and the company's head office. The nomination form can also be downloaded from the Leisureworld website at leisureworld.ca or prefhealthcare.com.