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**Senator Jeff Danielson Honored by the Iowa CareGivers Association**

Oct. 21, 2011 – Senator Jeff Danielson of Waterloo was honored yesterday with the Iowa CareGivers Association’s “From the Heart” recognition. The recognition acknowledges organizations and individuals who have contributed their time and other resources to support the work and mission of the Iowa CareGivers Association (ICA). ICA’s mission is to provide education, recognition, advocacy, and research in support of direct care workers who provide hands-on care and supportive services to Iowans of all ages in settings such as the homes of persons served, hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, and various other settings that serve persons with disabilities.

Di Findley, ICA’s Executive Director, says Senator Danielson was recognized for his participation in a “Come Care With Me” event at Harmony House in Waterloo, where he was filmed working alongside Certified Nursing Assistants Kelly Stokes and Cindy Ramer. He experienced firsthand the challenges and rewards of direct care work. A video of Danielson working alongside Certified Nursing Assistants at Harmony House can be viewed here: [http://www.iowacaregivers.org/videos/video\\_senator\\_danielson.php](http://www.iowacaregivers.org/videos/video_senator_danielson.php). In addition to his participation in the “Come Care With Me” event, Senator Danielson was honored for his ongoing support of direct care workers and the Iowa CareGivers Association.

ICA is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 1992 in response to growing concerns about the shortage and high turnover rates of direct care workers. ICA’s sole purpose is to improve the direct care worker profession by advocating for policies and practices that address the needs of the workers and quality care. For more information contact the Iowa CareGivers Association at [information@iowacaregivers.org](mailto:information@iowacaregivers.org) or [www.iowacaregivers.org](http://www.iowacaregivers.org).

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