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**Iowa CareGivers Association's Above and Beyond Award
Presented to Senator Tom Harkin**

US Senator Tom Harkin was presented the Iowa CareGivers Association's "Above and Beyond Award" at their recent annual meeting. Receiving on behalf of Senator Harkin was Rob Barron, State Director of Senator Harkin's Office.

The "Above and Beyond" award is a recognition given to a select few who have made a significant difference in the lives of Direct Care Workers and those they serve. Some make that difference through policy initiatives, some by their donation of time or funds to the Association. Senator Harkin has been a long time champion of Direct Care Workers and direct care workforce issues. Through his support, the ICA is able to provide more programs, services, and resources to direct care workers in Iowa. The establishment of the ICA Resource and Outreach Center (ROC) is a testament to his support and overall recognition of the vital role that Direct Care Workers play in Iowans' having access to quality care and supportive services.

On the establishment of the ICA Resource and Outreach Center, Senator Harkin said, "*The public safety and welfare of older Iowans, persons with disabilities, and all communities as a whole depend on our ability to recruit and retain direct care workers. I commend the dedication of our direct care workers and congratulate ICA ROC's pioneering spirit and service to our communities.*"

ICA is a statewide nonprofit organization focused on reducing Iowa's serious and growing shortage of professional direct caregivers - certified nursing assistants (CNAs), home health aides, and personal attendants – who provide a majority of the hands-on personal care in homes, nursing homes, hospices, hospitals, and other settings.

For more information about the Iowa CareGivers Association Direct Care Worker Resource & Outreach Center, please go to www.iowacaregivers.org or call 888-710-2762 or 515-223-2805.

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