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### **Heritage Ministries Awarded Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award**

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) has announced that Heritage Ministries has been awarded the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. All three Heritage Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation locations in Chautauqua County have been selected to receive the award- The Park, Jamestown, NY, The Village, Gerry, NY and The Green, Greenhurst, NY. Fewer than 7% of skilled nursing facilities nationwide qualify for this prestigious award.

Lisa Haglund, Heritage Vice President of Marketing and Development shared, *“Receiving this prestigious recognition displays the excellence our teams strive for, while they balance providing the best quality of care to seniors throughout our county and displaying our mission to our residents and families. Locally, we employ over 800 and serve over 1,400 with unwavering commitment to quality. Our impact in Chautauqua County is unmatched, and I am blessed to work alongside such an amazing team.”*

The Facility Leadership Award was introduced in 2008 by one of ACHCA’s most revered leaders, the late Eli Pick. A former executive director of the Ballard Rehabilitation Center, Des Plaines, IL for over 30 years, Eli embodied excellence as an Administrator that cared for his residents, their families, and his community. Eli worked with his colleague, John Sheridan of eHealth Data Solutions, to develop an awards program that uses data-driven criteria to objectively identify high-performing skilled nursing facilities and the leaders who make them excel. Today, Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award recipients are identified using publicly collected data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) QM and Survey Data.

Jeremy Rutter, Administrator at The Park in Jamestown, NY stated, *“This prestigious award reinforces what we already know; that the employees of Heritage Ministries provide excellent care. Their caring dedication to our residents is unmatched as they promote HOPE, DIGNITY, and PURPOSEFUL LIVING to those entrusted to our care. I am truly blessed to have the privilege to work with such an amazing group of people.”*

Heritage Ministries was founded as the Orphanage and Homes of the Free Methodist Church in 1886 and has grown from its original campus in Gerry, NY to six locations in New York with additional affiliations in the states of Washington, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. As a not-for-profit provider of senior care and housing, Heritage is a leader in the industry, employing approximately 1,500 team members, and serves over 2,500 individuals annually. With locations in New York, Pennsylvania,



Illinois, and Washington, Heritage and its affiliates provide rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, independent retirement housing, and assisted living. The Homestead Stables provides intergenerational equestrian opportunities as well as boarding, training, and lessons. In addition, childcare is provided at two campuses allowing for intergenerational programs. For more information on Heritage Ministries, please visit [www.heritage1886.org](http://www.heritage1886.org)