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**Post-Acute Care Administrator Receives ACHCA's Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award**

**Washington, DC – May 10, 2018** – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) honored Kelsey Pasquini, Administrator of The Merriman in Akron, Ohio with the 2018 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. The leadership award was celebrated during the awards luncheon at ACHCA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation and Exposition in Orlando, Florida on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Fewer than 11% of facilities nationwide qualify. This year, 1,717 facilities met the selection criteria. Three hundred and fifty-one administrators in 45 states were awarded the facility leadership award nationally.

Based on the premise that facility excellence reflects leadership excellence, this award recognizes the Administrator of record who provided such leadership for the full 2017 calendar year. Eligibility for this award is based on three years of skilled nursing facility (SNF) survey data, including the Health, Fire Safety, and Complaint Surveys, as well as top quartile performance on designated Quality Measures. The criteria also include an 85% or greater facility occupancy and a three-year avoidance of a Special Focus Facility status. This prestigious award is made possible with the support of ABILITY® Network Inc.

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, DesPlaines, IL for over 30 years, Eli embodied excellence as an Administrator that cared for his residents, their families, and his community. This award is presented annually in memory of Eli, a consummate member of ACHCA, dedicated to advancing professionalism and leadership in long term care.

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**ABOUT ACHCA**

Founded in 1962 the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's post-acute and aging services leaders. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care. For more information about ACHCA, visit [www.achca.org](http://www.achca.org) or send an e-mail to [membership@achca.org](mailto:membership@achca.org).