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**NVHCA Perry Foundation recognizes Nevada's
top-performing health care facilities and professionals**

LAS VEGAS – The Perry Foundation Endeavor Awards recently recognized the state's top-performing health care facilities and health care professionals working in long-term / post-acute care with an event at the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas in Las Vegas on June 8.

The Perry Foundation is a non-profit organization that improves the quality of care residents receive in Nevada's Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Communities by providing education to the health care professionals working in these communities. The Endeavor Awards are the annual program, honoring these individuals whom excel in providing outstanding care.

"Endeavor Award" recipients in Southern Nevada:

- Achievement in Social Work – **Shellie Gibson**, Highland Manor of Mesquite

- Extraordinary Therapist – **Mary Lambert**, Nevada State Veterans Home

- Activities Program Excellence – **Kristy Newsom**, Delmar Gardens of Green Valley

- Innovation in Dining – **Patrick Colombeau** – Desert Springs Senior Living

- Distinguished Nurse Educator – **Nasslynne Lenz**, Marquis Plaza Regency

- Outstanding Nurse Leader – **Poppy Helgren**, Nevada State Veterans Home

- Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year – **Diann Lawson**, Nevada State Veterans Home

- Administrator of the Year – **Brady Flygare**, Highland Manor of Mesquite

- Gold Endeavor Award – For Quality of Care in an Assisted Living Community
Desert Springs Senior Living, Las Vegas

- Silver Endeavor Award – For Quality of Care in an Assisted Living Community
The Wentworth of Las Vegas, Las Vegas

- Gold Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Skilled Nursing Facility
The Heights of Summerlin, Las Vegas

- Silver Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Skilled Nursing Facility

Highland Manor of Mesquite, Mesquite

- Bronze Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Skilled Nursing Facility

Horizon Health and Rehabilitation Center, Las Vegas

“The Perry Foundation promotes quality care by recognizing the top-performing communities and health care professionals,” said Robert Kidd, foundation president. “We spend a great deal of time, analyzing the needs of the caregivers of which we build educational programs around, all with the goal of improving the quality of care the residents in the buildings are receiving.”

According to Kidd, the Foundation last year awarded more than 2,000 continuing education units to licensed administrators, executive directors, licensed nurses, and social workers throughout Nevada. The Foundation has also provided hundreds of hours of in-house education and training for health care facilities and communities. In 2016, the Foundation has embarked on a collaboration with the Sanford Center for Aging at UNR to bring the Culture Change movement to Nevada. In addition, the Foundation has been approved for a grant from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare to launch the Nevada Music & Memory Initiative, bringing the nationally acclaimed Music & Memory program to Nevada. This will improve the quality of life for over a thousand individuals residing in Nevada Nursing Homes with Alzheimer’s or other dementia related diseases.

About the Perry Foundation

The NVHCA Perry Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-provider-based charitable foundation that, through community awareness and donor support, is committed to providing education to Nevada’s post-acute provider and regulatory community. Through this education, the foundation improves the quality of care provided to the residents of Nevada’s post-acute community, which includes skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. For more information, visit: www.NVHCA.org/PerryFoundation.