

## **Activity Ideas and Suggestions:** CAREgivers Appreciation Event

**Audience:** Residents, families, volunteers, staff

**Supplies:** Various, depending on event planned

**Purpose:** To recognize caregivers in long-term care facilities.

**Activity:** Ask the Resident and/or Family Council to plan a staff appreciation social hour or other event that recognizes careGIVERS Matter too! The Councils can give out awards to staff members who have made residents' lives better by the small things they do for them. This could be a nurse aide or nurse, but also housekeeping, maintenance, therapy, dietary, administration or other department staff member. Residents could write a short story about the person and why they were chosen, and share it during the event.

**Intergenerational Programming Idea:** Residents may also choose to recognize all of the staff by making thank you cards with schoolchildren who come to visit, and having each resident who is able sign them. The cards could also be made by only residents without the help of children.

**Follow-up:** None.

