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**Clare Oaks Team Members Honored by LeadingAge Illinois
*Mike Konopa, Amena Moin receive awards***

BARTLETT, IL – Clare Oaks, the premier retirement living community in northwest Chicago, is proud to announce that two team members were honored with awards by LeadingAge Illinois, one of the largest and most respected associations of providers serving Illinois older adults. The awards were presented at the recent LeadingAge Illinois Annual Meeting & Expo.

Mike Konopa, a member of the facilities team, was honored with the Hearts and Hands Award, which is given to an individual who embraces person centered care through efforts that go beyond those normally considered within their position's job description, and demonstrates exceptional relationships with residents that provides special enrichment, increases quality of life to the residents, and recognizes and responds to residents' needs and values.

Amena Moin, who works in Dining Services, received the Strive and Thrive Award, which is given to an individual who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to excellence. The award recognizes the vision and initiative of an individual who has produced or created a result that is a direct benefit to their organization.

"Mike and Amena embody the true spirit of Clare Oaks," said Beth McGowan Welch, CEO, Clare Oaks Retirement Community. "Their commitment to our residents and to their fellow team members is evident every day, and help to make Clare Oaks such an enriching community."

Video tributes to Konopa and Moin were shown in their honor as part of the award presentation at the LeagingAge Illinois Annual Meeting. The videos can be viewed on the Clare Oaks website at www.clareoaks.com.

Located on a beautiful 41-acre campus set in Bartlett, Clare Oaks offers a selection of independent living apartments and cottage homes, assisted living apartments, and skilled nursing at the Assisi Health Care Center, which has received a Five-Star rating from Medicare. Residents at Clare Oaks enjoy compassionate care and fantastic amenities, including gourmet dining, recreation and educational activities and a variety of social, cultural and entertainment events, all surrounded by nature's lush, wooded beauty.

Opened in 2008, Clare Oaks provides a complete spectrum of care to seniors, with assured access to assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services. The outstanding and fulfilling lifestyle at Clare Oaks gives residents the opportunity to age in place in an environment of their choosing. Seniors select a residence for their current lifestyle, and gain the ability to change their level of care should the need arise.

Clare Oaks was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. For more information, visit www.clareoaks.com or call (630) 372-1946.