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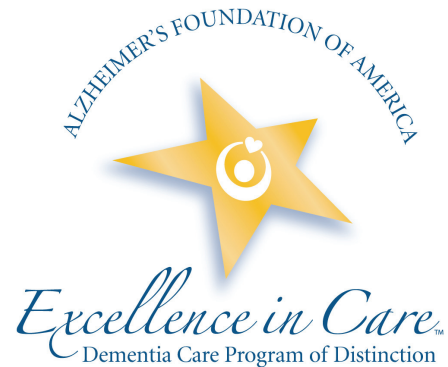
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**Desert Hills becomes first California community to earn
'Excellence in Care Distinction'**

Alzheimer's Foundation of America honors local memory care community

HEMET, Calif.—Desert Hills Memory Care Center earned the “Excellence in Care Program of Distinction” status from the [Alzheimer's Foundation of America](http://www.alz.org) (AFA) on October 27. Desert Hills is the first program in California and one of only 19 programs nationwide to receive this distinction. The “Excellence in Care” distinction is a standard established and monitored by the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America to ensure a high quality for care for those with dementia.



“We have worked very hard to meet and exceed the standards for the ‘Excellence in Care’ distinction,” said Trudy Hendricks, executive director of Desert Hills. “This achievement will help us uphold our commitment to ensure that every resident receives the quality of care that they deserve.”

The Alzheimer’s Foundation of America developed “Excellence in Care” with the help of industry experts to establish a national standard of excellence in care for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias. “Excellence in Care” includes a comprehensive on-site evaluation and consultation to achieve standards for quality of care and to sustain performance. AFA’s trained “Excellence in Care” specialists conduct biyearly, comprehensive reviews of care facilities, including on-site evaluations for retention of the distinction.

“Trudy and all of the staff at Desert Hills worked diligently to ensure the community meets and exceeds the AFA standards, a true testament to how much the staff cares about the residents they serve,” said Dale Zulauf, co-founder of Cascade Living Group.

Desert Hills Memory Care Community, 25818 Colombia St. in Hemet, is a Cascade Living Group community. Cascade Living Group was founded in 2005 to offer seniors innovative living options. Focused in the western U.S., Cascade Living Group provides active retirement,

independent and assisted living as well as memory care and continuing care environments. Cascade Living Group currently owns and operates five care communities in California, Nevada and Washington.

The Alzheimer's Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization established to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, and to their caregivers and families—through member organizations dedicated to improving quality of life.

To learn more about this distinction or to take a tour of Desert Hills, please call 951-652-1837.

About Desert Hills Memory Care Center (www.cascadeliving.com/deserthills)

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