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Governor Presents PEAK Award to Topeka's Brewster Place

TOPEKA – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback presented a Topeka adult care facility with an achievement award Tuesday. Brewster Place received a Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas Nursing Homes (PEAK) award for sustaining person-centered care for its residents.

“Brewster Place has done a wonderful job of creating a home-like environment for those living in adult care homes,” Governor Brownback said. “The facility and its staff serve as an example of the rewards a positive culture change can have on the quality of life for our seniors.”

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) Secretary Shawn Sullivan announced earlier that eight Kansas adult care facilities are 2012 PEAK award recipients.

KDADS oversees the PEAK Nursing Homes Initiative. PEAK awards are issued annually to homes that accomplish significant improvements toward person-centered care in the targeted areas of resident choice, staff empowerment, home environment and meaningful life. Person-centered nursing homes have moved away from the institutional model of nursing home care and toward a more home-like environment in which residents have a say in their day-to-day lives.

“Because of their hard work and commitment to the PEAK program, Brewster Place has demonstrated the kind of success that can be achieved by all Kansas adult care facilities,” KDADS Secretary Shawn Sullivan said.

Brewster Place is located at 1001 SW 29th Street, Topeka.

Other PEAK award winners are:

- Evergreen Community, Olathe
- Lake Point Augusta, Augusta
- Lone Tree Retirement Community, Meade
- Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, Manhattan
- Medicalodges Columbus, Columbus
- Pleasant View, Inman
- Showalter Villa, Hesston

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