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## LINCOLN PARK EMPLOYEE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Chicago, Ill. (November 25, 2009) – Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center’s Ben Bautista recently received the Environmental Services Professional of the Year Award at the Illinois Health Care Association (IHCA) Convention in Peoria. The award recognizes Ben’s job performance and contributions to improving the quality of life for the residents at the rehabilitation center where he works.



Ben, who has worked at Alden Lincoln Park for 23 years, was recognized for positively impacting the ‘quality of life’ at Alden Lincoln Park and making it his personal mission to keep the facility looking good and operating smoothly. Called a team player by his co-workers, Ben’s duties go beyond his job title. He has been known to help serve meals in the kitchen, help with activities when needed and even serve as the receptionist. Although Ben’s main job is maintenance, he does so many other tasks that do not fall under his job title and are not his responsibility.

“Ben is an employee all residents know by name and they go to him directly if they need something repaired because they know he will take care of it right away. He has

developed many close bonds with residents at our facility because of the trust and admiration they have for him. Ben is always there to help make the facility a better place for the residents no matter what the task or the time involved,” says Carrie Groulx, Administrator, Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Last summer, when the residents wanted to paint the resident lounges, instead of hiring a painter, he met with the residents and let them choose color samples and be part of the decorating process. He spent four weekends of his days off painting the rooms to please the residents. He is praised for being a hard worker, passionate about his job and dedicated to the rehabilitation center.

“Ben always gives everything he has and because of this I rarely see him work an 8-hour day,” says Groulx. “Ben is a team player who goes ‘above and beyond’ what is in his job description. If it snows, no matter what day of the week it is or if it’s his day off, Ben will be here to ensure the sidewalks and exit walkways are shoveled. And every Christmas season, Ben spends days putting up Christmas lights outside for the residents to enjoy. Ben does this because he knows it makes their time with us at Alden Lincoln Park a little brighter.”

#### **PHOTO CAPTION**

Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center’s Ben Bautista, Director, Environmental Services, joins Carrie Groulx, Administrator, Alden Lincoln Park, and Robert Molitor, Chief Operating Officer, Alden Management Services, to accept the Environmental Services Professional of the Year Award at the Illinois Health Care Association Convention in Peoria

Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center is located at 504 W. Wellington Ave. in Chicago.

*Alden Lincoln Park Rehabilitation and Health Care Center offers programs that address the needs of short-term therapy and rehabilitation patients as well as long-term residents.*

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