

## **Carleton-Willard's Valerie Gingras Receives ACHCA's Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award**

*June 2, 2014, Bedford, MA.* The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) honored Valerie Gingras, Administrator of The Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Carleton-Willard Village, with the 2014 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. The leadership award was celebrated during the awards luncheon at ACHCA's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation and Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada on Sunday, April 6, 2014. Two hundred and seventy six administrators were awarded leadership awards nationally, 42 of which were at the awards luncheon.

Ms. Gingras was one of 234 recipients who received the Eli Pick Leadership Award with virtual recognition. Based on the premise that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence, this award recognizes the administrator of record who provided that leadership throughout the award year. Eligibility for this award is based on three years of skilled nursing facility (SNF) survey data, including the Health, Fire (Life Safety), and Complaint Surveys, as well as top quartile performance on designated Quality Measures. The criteria also included an 80% or greater facility occupancy and a three year avoidance of a Special Focus Facility status. This prestigious award is made possible with the support of eHealth Data Solutions.



Ms. Gingras began her career with Carleton-Willard in 2006, and is the Administrator for Llewysac Lodge, the Village's Assistance-in-Living Program; The Ross-Worthen Center for Alzheimer's Care; as well as The Center for Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation. Says Ms. Gingras, "I am happy to have received this award in recognition of the dedicated staff at Carleton-Willard, who work hard every day to make the Village a great place to live and work. This award is a reflection of the continuous effort and pride necessary to achieve the standard of care and quality of life that are evident at Carleton-Willard."

The award is in memory of Eli Pick who was a consummate member of ACHCA, dedicated to advancing professionalism and leadership in long term care.

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's long term care administrators and executives. Focusing on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care.