

## **Winning Wheels, Inc. Receives OSHA's SHARP Accreditation**

*Commitment to Safety recognized by OSHA and the Illinois Department of Labor with this selective accreditation*

***Prophetstown— 7/12/2024 — Winning Wheels, Inc. is proud of their commitment to providing a safe environment for their team of caregivers and the residents served. They have obtained the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) designation.***

This is a distinct honor, Winning Wheels is among only 28 organizations in the State of Illinois to receive the selective SHARP designation, and of those there is only one other healthcare organization.

The healthcare industry, particularly Long-Term Care is known for frequent work-related injuries and safety concerns. Winning Wheels' collaboration with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) leading to the achievement of SHARP certification exempts the organization from OSHA programmed inspections as well as improves efficiency, lower worker compensation costs, and aides in their commitment to quality care and work environment.

Gary Lescallett with the United States Department of Labor stated, "the efforts in providing a safe and healthful workplace is appreciated".

***Prophetstown Mayor Steve Swanson spoke during the October 11 award ceremony:***

This is a great day to be here to recognize the achievements of Winning Wheels and their positive impact on our community. Winning Wheels, Inc. has been a primary employer and part of Prophetstown's economic foundation for over 40 years.

Today we are recognizing Winning Wheels, Inc. for their commitment to providing quality care and great employment opportunities for our community and surrounding areas and their continuous efforts to improve, specifically in regards to the safety and wellbeing of their team.

Winning Wheels has received the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition, or otherwise known as the SHARP certification awarded from The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Illinois Department of Labor. This is an exclusive designation, awarded to only nine other organizations – Winning Wheels is the only one of those in the highly regulated HealthCare industry.

SHARP is a national program that recognizes organizations who have voluntarily applied to work with OSHA and meet the rigorous safety standards set by them and the Department of Labor including best practices, safety and health management systems, creating and upholding an organizational culture of wellbeing and commitment to continuous improvement. The few worksites to have received this prestigious designation and are actively SHARP certified are exempt from OSHA program inspections.

I am honored today to recognize the Winning Wheels organization for their dedication and investment in their team, residents and community and to commemorate that with the presentation of this plaque and award banner to be proudly displayed.

Congratulations and thank you for all you do!