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Hotel Dieu Shaver CEO Receives Prestigious Geriatric Service Award

June 1, 2009 – (St. Catharines, ON) Hotel Dieu Shaver’s Chief Executive Officer Jane Rufrano was honoured at the seventh annual *Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence* (SAGE Awards) when she was named the winner in the Executive category at a recent gala event in Hamilton.

The *Executive Award* is given annually to someone in a leadership role in Southern Ontario who: demonstrates leadership in the field of Geriatrics; leads innovative program development that improves care for the elderly; promotes clinical and/or administrative service excellence; demonstrates an inspiring vision of how care for the elderly can be improved and utilizes best practices.

There were seven distinguished nominees in this category including both administrative and clinical professionals. A committee of peers annually reviews all of the nominations and gives the award to the person who best demonstrates the qualities associated with leadership in the field of Geriatrics.

“It’s an honour to receive this award and it’s an honour to have a leadership role in caring for the elderly,” said Mrs. Rufrano. “We have accomplished a lot at Hotel Dieu Shaver since we arrived in the summer of 2005 and to me this award recognizes all of that work that we, as an organization, have done.”

“These awards help put geriatric care in the spotlight and they remind people what a very important field of healthcare it is. “It’s wonderful to see so many individuals who dedicate their lives to geriatric care receive the recognition they deserve, particularly the volunteers,” Mrs. Rufrano added.

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