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**KINDRED TRANSITIONAL CARE AND REHABILITATION-STRATFORD NAMED
RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD**

Glenwillow, Ohio (June 22, 2011) – Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation-Stratford has been named the recipient of a 2011 Bronze Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) recognizing their commitment to quality care.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, the nation's premier recognition for performance excellence. The program assists providers of long term and post-acute care services in achieving their performance excellence goals. AHCA Quality Awards consist of an entry level *Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award*; *Silver - Achievement in Quality Award*; and the *Gold - Excellence in Quality Award*.

Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation-Stratford is a 105-bed nursing and rehabilitation center that offers a full range of nursing and medical care, including short-term rehabilitative services and long-term skilled care.

"The Quality Award demonstrates Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation-Stratford's commitment to teamwork in providing quality care to our residents," said Janet Harst, Executive Director. "We are proud of this accomplishment. This is a great honor for the employees who work hard every day to take care of our residents."

A ceremony for award recipients will be conducted in September at the AHCA/NCAL Annual Convention and Exposition.

Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation - Stratford is part of Kindred Healthcare, Inc., a top-150 private employer in the United States and a healthcare services company based in Louisville, Kentucky. On June 1, 2011, Kindred through its subsidiaries provided healthcare services in over 2,000 locations, including 121 long-term acute care hospitals, 224 nursing and rehabilitation centers, 118 inpatient rehabilitation facilities (primarily hospital-based units) and a contract rehabilitation services business, RehabCare, which served approximately 1,560 non-affiliated facilities. Ranked as one of Fortune magazine's Most Admired Healthcare Companies for three years in a row, Kindred's mission is to promote healing, provide hope, preserve dignity and produce value for each patient, resident, family member, customer, employee and shareholder we serve. For more information, go to www.stratfordcommons.com.

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