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PATRICIA A. TURSI RECEIVES

2008 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD
*Pediatric Center CEO recognized by AAHSA
for Excellence in Management*



*Patricia Tursi, CEO of Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center
(pictured center with Stephanie G.) receives
AAHSA's 2008 Excellence in Leadership Award from Chair Tom Slemmer
and Awards Committee Chairperson Susan McDonough.*

(Philadelphia, PA) On Sunday, October 12, Patricia A. Tursi, Chief Executive Officer of Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center received the 2008 Excellence in Leadership Award of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). This award is given in recognition of excellence in management or governance accountability in alignment with the principles of Quality First. The award presentation was made by AAHSA Chair, Thomas W. Slemmer, and Awards Committee Chairperson Susan McDonough, at the AAHSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, which took place October 12-15, 2008, at Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Convention Center.

AAHSA is the leading national organization for providers of long-term care and aging services. There were more than 7,000 providers, researchers, educators and business partners present at the Annual Meeting. The preeminence of this award is a distinct honor for Ms. Tursi and for the organization that she leads - Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center. The award honors her work as "a transformational leader and collaborator in expanding and enhancing services for medically fragile children through innovative new programs that provide continuity of care." Specific accomplishments include:

- Guiding the Pediatric Center through an extraordinary growth and change process;
- Creation of a state-of-the-art pediatric ventilator unit;
- Launching of a pediatric long-term home health care program;
- Ongoing development of the John A. Coleman School;
- Ongoing development of a Regional Center for Excellence in long-term pediatric care; and
- Facilitation and emergence of the award-winning Continuous Learning Experience Initiative.

The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, a member of AAHSA, is a healthcare organization providing quality specialized nursing and rehabilitation care to medically fragile children birth to 21 years of age admitted from throughout the New York tri-state area. These resident children and their families are the focus of all that we do.

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The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. All programs are centered on the children we serve and their families, respecting individual cultural beliefs and practices. Each child admitted to the Center enters a "Neighborhood" where they receive team-based trans-disciplinary care, including medicine, nursing, social services, palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation, education, nutrition, child life/therapeutic activity, pastoral care and more. To learn more please visit www.setonpediatric.org.