Always Best Care Tempe Joins Parkinson's Foundation Community Partners in Parkinson's Care

Tempe, AZ (August 2024) --- Always Best Care Tempe has joined the **Parkinson's Foundation Community Partners in Parkinson's Care**, a membership program and esteemed distinction for senior living communities and home care agencies. A part of the Parkinson's Foundation Global Care Network, the program enables organizations to provide quality education and tools to equip those caring for people with Parkinson's disease (PD).

"We were motivated to seek out this partnership to better meet the needs of several of our clients who are living with Parkinson's Disease. This disease is complex and looks different in everyone. The effects on the family are far reaching. I am constantly inspired by the strength and endurance of the people I have met who are living with PD, as well as by the strength of their loved ones. It is an honor and privilege to be able to support, in any small way, those who endure this neurodegenerative disease." ~Janne Gutierrez, Community Care Director, Owner.

Each year, 90,000 people in the U.S. are newly diagnosed with PD, and the number of people living with PD across the country is expected to rise to 1.2 million by 2030.

The Parkinson's Foundation Community Partners in Parkinson's Care program provides a full curriculum of PD education through virtual and in-person trainings. The program educates site champions at each location and educates at least 70% of staff. The program aims to meet the unique needs of people with PD, based on best-practice care in movement, non-movement and cognitive symptom management.

"The Community Partners in Parkinson's Care membership program is comprised of senior living communities and home care agencies that have committed to improving care and providing support to people living with PD and their families," said Joan Gardner RN, national co-director of the Community Partners in Parkinson's Care program. "We appreciate all Always Best Care Tempe is doing to educate their staff to improve care for those living with PD."

The Parkinson's Foundation community partner training focuses on best-practice care and provides the latest information and access to educational tools so caregivers can stay updated on the rapid advances in research, treatments and understanding of the disease.

For questions about the Community Partners in Care membership program, email communitypartners@parkinson.org. For more information about the Parkinson's Foundation Global Care Network, visit Parkinson.org/Network.

Always Best Care Tempe provides warm, compassionate and professional care for seniors when they need it most. We are local experts in senior care, providing in-home care support for aging in place and assistance in finding the best senior living community.

About the Parkinson's Foundation

The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience and passion of our global Parkinson's community. Since 1957, the Parkinson's Foundation has invested more than \$425 million in Parkinson's research and clinical care. Connect with us on Parkinson.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or call 1-800-4PD-INFO (1-800-473-4636).

About Parkinson's Disease

Affecting an estimated one million Americans, Parkinson's disease is the second-most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's and is the 14th-leading cause of death in the U.S. It is associated with a progressive loss of motor control (e.g., shaking or tremor at rest and lack of facial expression), as well as non-motor symptoms (e.g., depression and anxiety). There is no cure for Parkinson's and nearly 90,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in the U.S.