

# St. Francis earns 'Outstanding' award for safety

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**GREEN SPRINGS** — St. Francis Health Care Centre, a non-profit, Catholic faith-based, residential care community, has received an Outstanding Progress Award in Safety from Ohio Hospital Association.

"St. Francis Health Care Centre has always put the safety and well-being of our patients, residents, employees and the community we serve as our number one priority and it is nice to see OHA recognize us as outstanding," says Dan Schwanke, executive director in response to this award.

OHA and the Industrial Commission of Ohio initiated the Ohio Hospital Safety Campaign in 1953. The goal of the campaign is to promote workplace safety by generating comparable data and by recognizing successful hospital safety programs. Participating hospitals are required

to submit annual accident reports based on OSHA regulations.

The mission of St. Francis Health Care Centre is to provide wholistic long-term care and rehabilitation services in a dignified, joyful and compassionate manner in the service of God's people. Visit St. Francis Health Care Centre's website at [www.sfhcc.org](http://www.sfhcc.org).

The Ohio Hospital Association was established in 1915 as the first state-level hospital association in the United States. OHA's mission is to provide leadership by working with member hospitals to meet the health care needs and improve the health status of the communities they serve.

Members of St. Francis Health Care Centre's Safety Team include Linda Mason, Joan Schmidt, Todd Bickley, Pam Clark, Deb Bennett, Dave Carr,



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**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT** are Duane Kimmet, St. Francis Health Care Centre director of plant operations; Linda Mason, LNHA, St. Francis chief of clinical operations; and Bill Kelley, retired president and CEO of Samaritan Regional Health System in Ashland.

Sr. Anthony Valdez, Scott Schwanke, Duane Kimmet, Kay Kneeskern, Nancy Darron, Fausey, Cheri Weiker, Deanna Claudia Williams, Dan Wampler, and Rebecca Snyder.