

Home Health VNA Rated in the Top 25% of Home Health Agencies Nationally

Home Health VNA, widely recognized as a leader in home health care in this region, announced today that the agency has been named among the top 25% of the "Home Care Elite", a listing of the top tier of home health care agencies in the United States.

Outcome Concept Systems (OCS) launched a compilation of the most successful home care agencies nationwide and Home Health VNA made their listing. As part of this prestigious group, Home Health VNA ranks in the top 25% of home health agencies throughout the United States.

John G. Albert, President and CEO credits Home Health VNA's highly skilled professionals and their dedication to the high standards of quality care with the company's ability to rank as one of the HomeCare Elite., "I'm fortunate to have a team of professionals that are not only experts in their field, but also have the same devotion to excellence in the care of our clients "said Albert. "Our staff is committed to providing the highest quality of care to our patients every day. Being named among the best agencies in the country recognizes that commitment."

To score home healthcare agencies, the OSC used publicly available data from the last half of 2009 and the first half of 2010. All agencies were rated on quality of care measurements in the Home Health Compare report, and quality improvement and financial performance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports. Each agency's performance in these three areas was compared against the performance of other organizations in their state and in the country. The three areas were combined into one overall score, using a methodology that gives the greatest importance to quality of care. Home Health VNA had high scores across all three areas. Those representing the top 25%, were identified and recognized for their accomplishment, including Home Health VNA.

"Home Health VNA is honored to be recognized for our patient care achievements. We are unwavering in our commitment to provide superior home health care and to assure our patients and families have the best possible outcomes; our employees demonstrate skillful care and compassion every day and it is very rewarding to have their efforts recognized", stated Gail DeLaney-Woolford, Vice President of Clinical Services.

Home Health VNA is a not-for-profit agency affiliated with HomeCare, Inc. and Merrimack Valley Hospice. Together, the three agencies serve more than 90 communities throughout Northeastern Massachusetts, the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. For more information, visit their website www.homehealthvna.org.

Bulbs planting

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If you haven't planted your bulbs yet, you better hurry up or you won't have nice spring flowers in your yard next spring.

That is exactly what students and community groups did last Wednesday, November 3, 2010. They planted bulbs in a new park under development at 65 Bradford Street, Lawrence.

The park was purchased from the City of Lawrence this summer and is being developed into a park for the neighborhood by The Community Group, located at 190 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, with help from the community.

The Community Group is planning a formal park dedication in the spring when all flowers will be in bloom, according to Lauren Barbieri, Community Group Executive Assistant & Marketing Coordinator.



Con la ayuda de su padre, Elías Alicea, de 8 años plantó varios bulbos. Por su propia admisión, Elías, alumno de 3er grado en la Escuela Tarbox, aprendió el oficio escuchando y mirando a su padre, Delfín Alicea, trabajando para Rogers Spring Hill Farm in Haverhill.

With the help of his father, 8-year-old Elías Alicea, planted several bulbs. By his own admission, Elías, a 3rd grader at the Tarbox School, he learned the trade by listening and watching his father, Delfin Alicea, working for Rogers Spring Hill Farm in Haverhill.

Siembra de bulbos

Si usted aún no ha plantado sus bulbos, es mejor que se de prisa o no tendrá flores en su jardín la próxima primavera.

Eso es exactamente lo que los estudiantes y grupos comunitarios hicieron el pasado miércoles, 3 de noviembre 2010. Ellos plantaron los bulbos en un nuevo parque en fase de desarrollo en el 65 de la Calle Bradford, en Lawrence.

El parque fue adquirido de la Ciudad de Lawrence este verano y está siendo

desarrollado en un parque en esta zona por The Community Group, que se encuentra en el 190 de la Calle Hampshire, en Lawrence, con ayuda de la comunidad.

El Community Group tiene previsto

una dedicación formal del parque en la primavera, cuando todas las flores estarán en flor, de acuerdo con Lauren Barbieri, Community Group Executive Assistant & Marketing Coordinator.

Volunteers Needed!

Did you know that 1 in every 50 children in the US will go to sleep without a home this year? Horizons for Homeless Children is looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Northeastern Massachusetts. If you have an extra 2 hours a week and a desire to make a difference in the lives of some wonderful children in your community, then we have the opportunity for you! Application, attendance at training sessions and six month commitment is required. We hope to see you there!

NORTHEAST REGION

Tuesday, November 16th and
Wednesday, November 17th
6:00-9:00pm (both evenings)
Lawrence, MA

SIGN UP TODAY!

Contact Brittany Pyle at (978) 557-2182 or at northeast@horizonsforhomelesschildren.org for more information and an application, or fill one out online at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

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For residents of Lawrence

Low cost

Lawrence Spay & Neuter Program

For Cats & Dogs





Lawrence Animal Control is joining forces with the MSPCA at Nevins Farm and The Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society to offer affordable spay-neuter surgeries and vaccines to the cats and dogs of Lawrence families in need of financial assistance.

Canine Spay or Neuter \$75
Services for Dogs include:

- Surgery
- DHLPP Vaccination (distemper)
- Rabies Vaccination (proof of prior rabies required for 3 yr vaccination)
- Microchip (permanent identification)
- Nail Trim

Contact the MSPCA at Nevins for an appointment at **(978) 687-7453 x6101**

Feline Spay \$50 Feline Neuter \$25
Services for Cats include:

- Surgery
- FVRCP Vaccination (distemper)
- Rabies Vaccination (proof of prior rabies required for 3 yr vaccination)
- Flea Treatment
- Deworming
- Physical Exam

Contact the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society for an appointment at **(888) 495-7729**

This program is made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition. To learn more about the MAC and their license plate program, through which this grant was awarded, visit their website at www.massanimalcoalition.org.

