

# LEADINGAGE ILLINOIS & YOU

# 2022

Throughout the year, we've worked hard to represent our members, advancing excellence, advocating for quality services, promoting innovative practices, and fostering collaboration.

Here are a few things we accomplished together in 2022.



- Led successful push for the Illinois legislature to devote an additional \$225 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support skilled nursing facilities.
- Passed Medicaid Rate Reform, tying the new reimbursement system to staffing and quality, resulting in an estimated 25 million in financial benefits to our members.
- Worked as part of a healthcare association coalition to pass Nurse Staffing Agency reform that addressed predatory price-gouging practices and ensured needed price practice transparency.
- Defeated overly onerous legislation that would require Life Plan Communities to have one or more voting resident positions on their board of directors.

- Connected over 1,000 attendees at the Annual Meeting & Expo focusing on strategies for thriving in the rapidly changing senior living and services environment.
- Delivered 21 programs in person and/or online, 11 of which were offered at no charge to members.
- Offered a total of 115 continuing education hours to date with more to come.
- Enhanced programming with the first ever virtual Billing University for business office staff and managers.
- Hosted a record-breaking Assisted Living Bootcamp with over 155 attendees.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP...

- Created the LeadingAge Illinois Workforce Taskforce with free member-only roundtables planned for the rest of the year.
- Conducted monthly Emerging Leaders special interest group virtual meetings and held our first in-person SIG meeting for "up-and-coming" leaders.
- Launched the Joint-Student Membership offering students interested in careers in aging services the opportunity to join both LeadingAge Illinois and LeadingAge national for free.
- Held the 9th LeadingAge Illinois Leadership Academy class, growing the number of program graduates to 177 with an additional 15 to graduate in 2023.
- Offered 870 job listings on the LeadingAge Illinois Job Board.
- Expanded the recruitment of volunteers for key positions on the board of directors and committees to the full membership, diversifying the voice of leadership in the organization.



# MEMBER SERVICES & RESOURCES...



- Introduced a **members-only toolkit** to provide members with usable digital assets such as social cards, infographics, and whitepapers.
- Delivered the latest information and updates to members via the **LeadingAge Illinois Resources webpage** that offers current regulatory guidance, policies & procedures, best practices, workforce solutions, and professional education information.
- Recognized individuals and organizations that put quality first, deliver excellence, and inspire others by **awarding Honoring Excellence Awards to multiple winners** in each award category.
- Streamlined processes to simplify online membership, Honoring Excellence, Leadership Volunteers, and Leadership Academy applications.
- Planned launch of new online community to allow members to network online, update their information, track their education, and participate in on-demand education.

- Saved members roughly \$322,000 on food, \$53,000 on medical, and \$36,000 on direct supplies.
- Secured the most recent group purchasing discounts for approximately 90% of Value First participants by transitioning them to our new GPO provider, HPSI.
- Exhibited an average savings of 7.2% in food costs, 17% in medical costs, and 8.5% in supply costs.
- Partnered with Value First vendors to share how they can help members through presentations at the annual meeting, workshops, and webinars.
- Illinois members served as case study with Value First providing an average of 11% in savings across all categories.

# VALUE FIRST...



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**We look forward to more shared success in 2023!**