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## **PARKER EMPLOYEE AWARDED EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM LEADINGAGE NEW JERSEY**

(Piscataway, NJ) –Parker Health Group, Inc. employee, Candice Pietrzak, Talent Management & Organizational Development Specialist has been awarded the Excellence in Community Service Award from [LeadingAge New Jersey](#).

The award recognizes member achievements that contribute to neighboring communities by providing outstanding services, programs, and opportunities for engagement. Pietrzak was nominated by the [New Jersey Alliance for Culture Change](#) (NJACC) for her twenty years in the aging services field. She was recognized for her work in bringing person-centered care to Parker and for becoming a role model for culture change in the field of aging services.

“Our goal at NJACC is to transform the traditional culture of long-term care practices to one that promotes individualized care and services. Candice is an integral part of that team and works tirelessly in her role with us. She has been a transformational leader,” said Toni Lynn Davis, NJACC Co-Founder & Treasurer. “it is well deserved, and we are so pleased that she was chosen for this award.”

Pietrzak credits her colleagues at NJACC, the volunteers who work with them, and Parker for her achievement.

“Everything we’ve done, we could not have done without the volunteers. Most of them are working fulltime yet make the commitment because we are very passionate about bringing culture change to the people we serve in long-term care,” says Pietrzak. “We want to make it a better world.”

Pietrzak has been part of NJACC since its inception and also serves as chair.

[About Parker Health Group, Inc.](#)

Parker Health Group, Inc. is a non-for-profit, New Jersey-based aging services organization with over 111 years' experience that is committed to empowering older Americans. Since 1907 Parker has been challenging, changing, and expanding the idea of what it means to grow older in America and how all of us can make aging part of life.

### About the New Jersey Alliance for Culture Change (NJACC)

The NJACC promotes Culture Change in care settings to improve the lives of individuals and their caregivers by seeking to transform the traditional practices of long-term care to practices that uphold individualized care and services, supporting dignity, choice and autonomy.