

2010 HEALTH CARE HEROES

PROVIDER

WINNER: DR. JOSEPH HUSCHART



Huschart

Title: Medical Director

Organization: The Beechwood Home

Nominator: multiple nominations

Huschart provides excellent care to the residents at the Beechwood Home. The Beechwood Home is a nonprofit nursing facility and assisted living residence specializing in providing long-term care together with advanced rehabilitation and restorative services. It also provides therapeutic and recreational activities that assist residents. The Beechwood Home currently has 80 beds in long-term nursing care and eight assisted living beds.

The Beechwood Home provides care for residents with neurological problems like multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, Huntington's disease and others.

Huschart was born and raised in the Tri-State and is loyal to his roots. What makes him special is his endless dedication to the Beechwood Home, a facility

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that takes care of a unique neurological, young adult population.

Huschart provides hours of care to his patients who have multiple systems shutting down. He not meets the physical and medical needs of the 88 residents, but he spends many hours addressing psychological and social needs, giving compassion to family members and being at a patient's side during the end of life stages.

Even when he is on vacation, he checks

in daily to ensure the residents' needs are met. He never leaves the home without seeing all who have requested. And he answers his phones all hours of the day and night. He is a patient-focused physician who is constantly giving of himself and his time to care for the residents of the Beechwood Home.

Huschart works with the staff in teaching and passing on his knowledge. The quality assurance committee is vibrant and successful because of his leadership.

Beechwood Home has been identified as a 5-Star facility with excellent Ohio Department of Health surveys in part because of Huschart's due-diligence and expertise.

In light of the recent Medicaid cuts, Huschart has helped find solutions to manage the budget deficits. He is a one-of-a-kind physician who understands and deals daily with patients who have incurable diseases, but is proactive in finding ways to keep every one of them as independent for as long as they are capable.