

Excellence in Leadership Award
Kathryn Callnan
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Cedars
Portland, Maine

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It is fitting that Kathryn Callnan be honored by the Excellence in Leadership Award in light of her passionate dedication to The Cedars and its vibrant senior population these past 34 years.

Her strong personal qualities are reflected by her many accomplishments whose primary aim is in enhancing the lives of seniors not only at The Cedars but in the greater Portland Community.

Kathy has led The Cedars to expanding their services in state-of-the-art skilled and therapeutic care to a more holistic approach and to the creation of a vibrant continuing care retirement community.

Kathy began her career with The Cedars at the original Jewish Home for the Aged as a Nurse Supervisor (1976) and as Director of Nursing Services (1979), then in 1991 as Executive Director when the Jewish Home moved from their old facility on North Street into their new skilled nursing care center on Ocean Avenue, where she initiated a renewed emphasis on resident-centered care for their skilled care residents. She was elevated to Chief Executive Officer in 2001 when she played an integral role in the development of the nationally-acclaimed, award-winning The Atrium at The Cedars Independent Living Facility, offering numerous recreational, educational, cultural and wellness opportunities to its residents. Kathy became President and CEO in 2004 as The Cedars continued to expand its campus with the addition of the Osher Inn Assisted Living Facility in 2008, and the Sam L. Cohen Rehabilitation Center with its innovative new programs in April 2009. The Cedars CCRC has received international recognition by the IAHSAs Exhibit and Conferences in July 2009 in London, UK, and November 2009 in South Korea.

Kathy was honored in 1999 by the National Association of Jewish Aging Services for her significant accomplishments in long term care management and innovative programs, and as "someone who anticipates change and is truly a visionary in her area."

Kathy has consistently led her board and staff in their renewed commitment to The Cedars by her own example of dedication and adherence to the highest ethical standards.