



Wartburg is Recognized for Outstanding Achievement

Mount Vernon, NY (August 10, 2016) Wartburg is pleased to announce that they have been recognized with numerous honors including the Legacy Award from the Westchester County Chapter of the Links, a 2016 Telly Award for Excellence in Documentary for their segment on PBS's Visionaries series highlighting their award-winning, internationally recognized arts-based program, Creative Aging & Lifelong Learning, and Wartburg's nursing home administrator received the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators. Wartburg was also named one of the "Best Nursing Homes in New York State," by *U.S. News & World Report* for the sixth consecutive year in 2016.

"This team works very hard to help people live their best life," said David Gentner, Wartburg's President & CEO. "Collectively, we are what we repeatedly do...excellence and creativity in delivering senior services to our community then, is not an act, but a habit."

The Links Legacy Award

The Westchester County Chapter of The Links presented Wartburg with their prestigious Legacy Award. Wartburg was one of several organizations honored for being a community partner that has supported and assisted The Links in providing information, resources and opportunities to Westchester County's underserved populations. Dedicated to providing services through friendship, the Westchester County Chapter of The Links has a tradition of spreading holiday cheer by annually bringing warm greetings, heartfelt conversations and comforting gifts to the residents of Wartburg's Waltemade Skilled Nursing Facility as well as providing a monthly clay class for residents living with Alzheimer's or dementia. The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation in 1946, is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans.

Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award

Wartburg's Skilled Nursing Facility Administrator, Mrs. Paula Ress was awarded the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA). The awards program uses data-driven criteria to objectively identify high-performing skilled nursing facilities and the leaders who make them excel. Award recipients are identified using publicly collected data by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which is pulled and evaluated by an independent third party. Administrators of those high-performing facilities are celebrated and honored during ACHCA's national awards ceremony held at their annual Convocation and Exposition each Spring.

37th Annual Telly Awards

Out of 12,000 plus entries from 50 states and 5 countries, Wartburg's documentary for their segment on PBS's *Visionaries* series highlighting their award-winning, internationally recognized arts-based program, [Creative Aging & Lifelong Learning](#) was selected by The Telly Awards to receive a 2016 "Excellence in Documentary, Bronze Winner.. The Telly Awards are the premier award honoring the finest film and video productions, groundbreaking web commercials, videos and films, and outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs from around the world.

Best Nursing Homes in New York State – *U.S. News and World Report*

Wartburg's skilled nursing facility was once again listed this year by *U.S. News & World Report* as among the best nursing homes in the metro New York area, for the sixth consecutive year.

The Wartburg was listed by *U.S. News* as receiving five stars, the highest possible rating, from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The metro area's 579 nursing homes were ranked based on health inspections, nurse staffing and quality measures.

About Wartburg

Wartburg, located in Westchester County, NY, offers integrated, comprehensive senior residential and healthcare services for all stages of life. Unlike conventional senior service providers, Wartburg provides a wide range of services to both residents living on campus and people in their own homes. From independent, assisted living and award-winning nursing home care to inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, home care and adult day care services, Wartburg's continuing care approach has earned them a trusted reputation in Westchester. Wartburg also provides caregiver support at every stage, with an array of options to find the right level of care for the individual while also considering the needs of the whole family. Wartburg's award-winning, internationally recognized Council for Creative Aging & Lifelong Learning program allows residents and those in the community to express themselves through art, song, theater, poetry and oral histories. The Creative Aging & Lifelong Learning initiative promotes increased emotional health and social engagement for seniors through a wide range of arts-based programs led by professional teaching artists trained to develop the creative capacity of older adult learners.

Wartburg is proudly celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2016. Wartburg has been ahead of their time since its inception in 1866, beginning as an orphan farm school in the wake of the Civil War and now serving area seniors through residential and at home healthcare services. Founded on the principal and belief that caring for the whole person is an essential component of a rich and happy life, nurturing body, mind and spirit have remained a key component of Wartburg's mission as their unique array of programs have grown; expanding their community impact and honoring the lives of seniors during their century and a half of service.

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Creative Aging Stories and Historical Archives: <http://www.creativeagingstories.com>



David Gentner, Wartburg President & CEO, and Angela Ciminello, Wartburg Director of Development & Marketing proudly display the 2016 Telly Awards received for excellence in The Visionaries documentary featuring Wartburg's Creative Aging & Lifelong Learning aired on PBS.