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## Arkansas Volunteer Wins 'Outstanding' Award

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The Arkansas SMP is pleased to share with you the exciting news that our volunteer Mrs. Evelyn Canady was nominated and selected as the recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Group/Individual Award at the Arkansas Gerontological Society's 2015 Spring Conference at the Arkansas 4-H Center on March 18.

Mrs. Canady is a retired nurse residing at Woodland Heights in Little Rock, and she was instrumental in establishing a retired Nurses' Group at the senior retirement housing facility. The group consists of six nurses. Mrs. Canady serves as nurse coordinator.

The Nurses' Group developed a plan of service based on the group's mission of "health and safety" and decided to volunteer as a group for the Arkansas SMP. This has been a wonderful marriage!

The Nurses' Group, with guidance and leadership from Mrs. Canady, has been very beneficial to the SMP program as well as to the Woodland Heights Retirement

Village community, serving as volunteers delivering the SMP message of fraud prevention and protection, the latest scam alerts, and other health care-related information.

We plan to use their group as a model program. Mrs. Canady is working with us to develop a brochure to present to senior residential administrators so we can offer this same volunteer opportunity in housing facilities throughout Arkansas.

We are so proud of Evelyn Canady and the entire Woodland Heights Nurses' Group! 🍷



Evelyn Canady

**Editor's Note:** The Sentinel learned about this story from an Arkansas Facebook post.