

Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

Nursing Home Ombudsman Honored For Dedication To Seniors In Illinois

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I think anyone who reads a recent [article](#) by Dean Olsen in The State Journal Register will likely be left with the feeling that the world is a better place due to people like Olga Perry. Hardly a household name, Ms. Perry is one of the thousands of mainly volunteer ombudsmen across the country who provide a variety of assistance to people in nursing homes.

After 10-years volunteering for the long-term care ombudsman program, Ms. Perry's dedication to the rights of the elderly was finally recognized when she was presented with the 2010 Outstanding Long Term Care Ombudsman Award by the Illinois Department on Aging.

Unlike other agencies that assist nursing home patients, ombudsmen many times act as an intermediary to amicably resolve problems between nursing home patients and the facilities themselves. However, when ombudsmen do encounter a situation involving abuse or violence, they are to report the situation to law enforcement for further handling.

Ms. Perry works out of the Springfield regional ombudsmen center which covers nursing home patients in the following Illinois counties: Sangamon, Cass, Christian, Green Jersey, Logan, Macoupin, Mason Menard, Montgomery, Morgan & Scott.

Congratulations to Olga Perry and thank you for all the work you do to improve the quality of life for many who are incapable of helping themselves.

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[National Long Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center](#) A great resource for ombudsmen in your area

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