

# LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY COALITION

*Advancing Quality, Dignity & Justice*

Holiday Season 2016

Dear Friend:

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters last year, in 2016 the Long Term Care Community Coalition has been able to make a difference in the lives of the frail elderly and disabled who rely on long term care. Please help us today, so that we can continue to be a strong voice for vulnerable people in nursing homes and assisted living, and their families in 2017.

## WHAT DOES YOUR CONTRIBUTION SUPPORT?

### ***Providing a Strong Voice for Individuals and Families Faced with Dementia, Nursing Home and Other Long Term Care Needs.***

More than 70% of people over 65 will need long term care at some point in their lives. Sixty percent of nursing home residents have Alzheimer's or other dementia. Every day, almost one-in-five of them are given powerful antipsychotic



medication, despite the FDA "Black Box" warning that these drugs can be extremely dangerous, even deadly, for the elderly.

These numbers are stark and the challenges to getting good care are great. LTCCC works every day to meet these challenges, and to fight for everyone's right to good care and life with dignity.

***Everybody has a mother, but not every mother has someone to monitor her care and fight for her safety when she gets older.***

### ***What is LTCCC doing?***

- ✓ **Improving Dementia Care:** LTCCC has been a state and national leader in improving care and quality of life for people with Alzheimer's and other dementia. We advocate to improve care for people with dementia and provide educational programs and resources for family

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members, advocates and caregivers so that they are equipped to help their residents live with comfort and dignity.

- ✓ **Fighting for Nursing Home Quality, Safety & Dignity:** LTCCC meets regularly with both federal and state officials to bring attention to – and action on – nursing home problems, including abuse, neglect and inadequate care. We provided a strong voice for those who are, too often, unable to make their own voices heard.
- ✓ **Working to Protect Assisted Living Residents.** People turn to assisted living because they – or their loved one – needs daily assistance or can no longer live safely on their own. LTCCC works to ensure that families receive promised dementia care and safety, elders are not evicted unfairly and assisted living truly fulfills its promise of residential care and safety in a less institutional setting.



The LTC Community Coalition is a small organization, but with your help we can make a big difference in residents' lives.

***Frail elderly people cannot easily walk out of the facility when their care is bad.***

People in long term care are often very vulnerable. Frail elderly people cannot easily walk out of their nursing home when the care is bad. An individual with significant dementia cannot simply explain when they are frightened or hungry or uncomfortable. We are entirely dedicated to

providing a strong voice for the individuals and families who depend on long term care.

**Over the past year, we have been privileged to work directly with families and LTC ombudsmen, to strengthen their advocacy for their residents. Please help us to build on this important work in 2017, to safeguard quality care and dignity for our elders today and for all of us in the future.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Mollot  
Executive Director

P.S. You can make a tax-deductible donation right now with a credit card by going to our Website, [www.ltccc.org](http://www.ltccc.org), or you can send a check to the Long Term Care Community Coalition at One Penn Plaza Suite 6252, NY, NY 10119.