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### Local Direct Care Professional Receives Iowa CareGivers Leadership Award

**Muscatine, IA:** Adam Drawbaugh, a Direct Care Professional at Unity Point Health – Trinity, recently received the Iowa CareGivers' Leadership Award at its statewide annual conference. There to help celebrate was his father, Richard Drawbaugh; Stepmother, Jeri Drawbaugh, and about 250 fellow direct care professionals and other supporters.

Every year Iowa CareGivers recognizes one or two who work in the field of direct care who demonstrate some level of leadership and to convey the message that everyone has the capacity to be leaders.

“Leadership comes in many forms and it doesn’t always mean being in the spotlight,” said Maribel Slinde, Iowa CareGivers Board Chair. Adam has shown leadership in a number of ways that include:

- Seeking and taking advantage of opportunities to increase his knowledge and skills and overall professional growth;
- Serving on the Iowa CareGivers Leadership Council;
- Promoting his profession and Iowa CareGivers;
- Educating his elected officials and others about direct care;
- Providing valuable insights to the board of directors;
- Participating in the development of a 3-year strategic plan for Iowa CareGivers;
- Encouraging others to become direct care professionals.”

When asked about the recognition, Adam said, “being a leader in direct care is a priority in our lives.”

The Iowa CareGivers is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that exists to ensure Iowans receive good care and support when and where they need it. It does that by addressing the needs of those who provide most of that care and support...the direct care workforce.

For more information about the Iowa CareGivers and its programs and advocacy please call 515 223 2805; email to [information@iowacaregivers.org](mailto:information@iowacaregivers.org) or visit [www.iowacaregivers.org](http://www.iowacaregivers.org).

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