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## News Release

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### **Erin Drinnin and Anita Stineman Honored as Direct Care Champions By Iowa CareGivers**

Erin Drinnin and Anita Stineman were honored before a crowd of more than 300 with the Iowa CareGivers *"From the Heart"* recognition during its statewide educational conference.

The recognition acknowledges organizations and individuals who have demonstrated support and championed policies or practices that impact those who work in the field of direct care and the lowans they serve. Those who work in direct care are the front line workers who assist aging and disabled lowans in their homes, in nursing and assisted living facilities, in hospice, hospitals and in group homes and other settings. Totaling over 75,000, they are Iowa's largest and fastest growing occupation and a need to fill 20,000 new direct care positions by 2020.

Erin Drinnin now with the United Way of Central Iowa and Anita Stineman, College of Nursing, University of Iowa, were both honored for the ground-breaking work they have performed in developing, testing, and promoting educational standards and opportunities to grow professionally within the field of direct care. More specifically, they are recognized for their leadership in the State's new "Prepare to Care" program for those in direct care.

"More importantly, both Erin and Anita consistently display a genuine appreciation for the important role that those in direct care play to the overall quality of care and support to lowans.

The Iowa CareGivers) is an independent nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1992 to ensure that all lowans have access to good care when and where they need it. It does that by focusing on serving the needs of the direct care workers who provide those services.

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