

Hug fest

Center residents grab win

How does it feel to be hugged more than 60 times in one afternoon?

Just ask Botsford Continuing Health Center resident Victoria Kereszi. Both Kereszi and resident Stacy Martin received trophies for winning the "Greatest Hugger" award in the long-term care facility's annual hugging contest.

"Oh my God, was it ever fun," Kereszi said. "Are we doing this every month?"

The contest was held in celebration of an official but little-known holiday named National

Hug Day. While the holiday is actually Jan. 21, the facility celebrates it the first week of February.

Residents who participated in the event spent their afternoon scouting for potential huggers, whether they were health center staffers, visitors or other residents.

In addition to the two "Greatest Hugger" winners, the top huggers from each floor received trophies.

Floor winners included Bob Zander, Betty Plakstein, Pearl Rose, Robert Bergstrom, Mollie

Martin, Doris Beemer, Joann Mahan, Alice Coffman, Margorie Glassman and Johanna Yurkshot. Runners-up on each floor received candy.

Botsford Continuing Health Center is a 179-bed skilled nursing facility.

In addition to providing long-term care, the facility provides hospice care, short-term respite care for families needing relief from daily caregiving activities, and a variety of support groups as part of its community outreach program.



Hugging honor: Botsford Continuing Health Care residents Victoria Kereszi (left) and Stacy Martin show off their trophies for winning the "Greatest Hugger" award recently.

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