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The Scandinavian Living Center, an assisted living community in Newton, received the 2018 Community Commitment Award Special Recognition from the Pioneer Network at the network's annual conference.

The Pioneer Network launched the awards to recognize members of the long-term care community for service

benefitting not only the residents living in their communities, but also their communities at large.

Joe Carella, the executive director of the SLC and the author of *Creating Unlimited Options for Aging: The Path Forward*, accepted the recognition on behalf of the organization.

The SLC was awarded this special recognition for its com-

munity commitment that goes beyond a program or a project. As a community centered model, the SLC houses elders in 40 assisted living apartments and includes a cultural center, businesses, nonprofits and a pop-up cafe—all open to and focused on serving the community at large.

The SLC had more than 2,000 visitors each month come

through its doors to participate in programs, visit businesses and other activities, providing consistent and organic connections for the residents to the outside community on their terms, decreasing isolation and allowing them to continue to pursue their interests and be a part of their community.

For information: [http:// sl-center.org](http://sl-center.org).