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Dr. Tina M. Trudel, President and Chief Operating Officer of Lakeview Healthcare Systems, Inc., received the prestigious Founders' Award from the Brain Injury Association of America on December 4, 2008, at the 13th Annual State Affiliate Leadership Conference in Kansas City. The award is BIAA's highest recognition of outstanding service to individuals with brain injury, their families and the Association. In their congratulatory letter, founders Marilyn and Dr. Martin Spivack wrote, "The bottom line is that we feel that you are so deserving of this award, and we value and thank you for your numerous contributions and generosity of spirit, expertise and resources to this field." Many other testimonials were provided and reflected the advocacy, service, commitment and knowledge Dr. Trudel has contributed to improving the lives of people with brain injury over the past 20 years. As the Site Director and Principal Investigator for the Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center at Virginia NeuroCare, Dr. Trudel is playing an important role in the research and development of therapeutic interventions for returning service members who have sustained blast injuries. Dr. Trudel is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry & Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and makes her home in Provincetown, MA. She can be reached at trudel@lakeview.ws

Since 1994, Lakeview Healthcare System and Affiliated Programs have provided neurorehabilitative treatment and community-based services to adults, children and their families. Lakeview is a national leader in the field, dedicated to the care, training and support of individuals with neurological and behavioral challenges. Lakeview facilitates the full realization of human potential for individuals affected by neurological and behavioral challenges through the provision of clinically sound, goal-oriented treatment in a safe and caring environment. The Texas-based company offers fourteen locations of care within the states of NH, ME, RI, WI and VA. To learn more about brain injury and how you can help, please visit the Brain Injury Association of America's website at www.biaa.org.

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