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Local Nurse Receives National Award for Clinical Excellence

BAYADA Home Health Care presents highest nursing honor to Elizabethtown resident

York, PA — June 11, 2013 — Elizabethtown resident Teresa Lee, RN, CRRN was recognized with the Ann Baiada Award for Excellence in Clinical Leadership from BAYADA Home Health Care. Lee's family watched as she was honored for exemplifying the highest standards of clinical excellence before more than 1,800 employees at the company's annual awards meeting in Hershey, PA.

Chosen from among 20 BAYADA clinical leaders who were nominated for the award based on their ability to exemplify Director Ann Baiada's legacy to "empower, inspire, and support," Lee nearly missed the ceremony.

"Tuesday, I was in the emergency room until 1:00 in the morning," she said. "My son was riding his bike at nearly 25 miles an hour, hit a parked car, and went through the windshield. Knowing that he made it through with only minor injuries really made me recognize what I have to be thankful for."

Lee's proudest moment during the ceremony was when her son stood with his father and brother as she humbly accepted the award.

"I want to thank Ann and Mark for allowing me to do what I love to do," said Lee. "I'm working for a company that strives to be the best and provides recognition for the good work that we do. They remind us to recognize people for the small things they do every day."

Her experience caring for patients with brain injuries at Hershey Medical Center helped her excel as a BAYADAbility rehabilitation team nurse. One of her mentors, Director of Clinical Leadership Development Marie Blessington, said "It was a thrill to stand on stage with her as she was honored for upholding Ann's legacy. To honor nurses through the Ann Baiada Award has been one of the highlights of my life."

Ann Baiada, the inspiration for the award that was established in 2006, said "Our clinical leaders have a role that is critically important for the care and safety of our clients—especially in home health care. They are advocates for our clients as well as mentors and role models for our nurses. To have the best nurses, we need the best mentors. We need nurses who love nursing."

Karen Kunselman, director of the office from which Lee works, expressed that Lee is one of those nurses. "She is selfless. Her impact on the lives of those she touches is nothing short of remarkable."



Ann Baiada Award for Excellence in Clinical Leadership Award recipient Teresa Lee, RN, CRRN, (center) with BAYADA Home Health Care Director Ann Baiada and Founder and President Mark Baiada.

Founded in 1975 by J. Mark Baiada, BAYADA Home Health Care provides nursing, rehabilitative, therapeutic, hospice, and assistive care services to children, adults, and seniors in the comfort of their homes. Headquartered in suburban Philadelphia, BAYADA employs more than 18,000 nurses, home health aides, therapists, medical social workers, and other home health care professionals who serve their communities in 25 states from more than 250 offices. For more information, visit www.bayada.com.

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