

# Magnuson, Ryan Top Winners



***Nancy Magnuson***

Nancy Magnuson, director of nursing at Life Care Center of Sarasota, Florida, was named winner of the Mary Denton Award on Monday night, Life Care's highest recognition for a nurse.

In the same ceremony, Shannon Ryan, director of nursing at Cottesmore of Life Care in Gig Harbor, Washington, was announced as the Company-Wide Director of Nursing for 2015.

Presentations to these two were the culmination of a night recognizing excellence of performance in the clinical field, including awards given to division directors of nursing. Forrest L. Preston, Life Care chairman; Beecher Hunter, president; Bart Walker, senior vice president of operations; and Christi Card, senior vice president of clinical services, were joined by the division vice presidents in handing out the awards.

Magnuson got a second surprise after receiving her award: Nina Willingham, Sarasota executive director, had come from Florida to congratulate her.

Among Magnuson's accomplishments were achievement of deficiency-free surveys for the past two years; leading a collaborative approach to resident care; working with all facility teams to earn an overall 5-star rating with CMS; working the night shift occasionally to develop and maintain relationships with staff on all shifts; and being instrumental in the development of a cardiac unit in the center.

Ryan was acclaimed for her unyielding desire to serve the community with a commitment to clinical and operational excellence; her dedication to supporting and developing associates to ensure the best possible care and services to residents and families; participating in quality improvement initiatives, both within and outside of Life Care; and hosting public forums to display the use of INTERACT and other quality initiatives.



***Shannon Ryan***

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Division Director of Nursing of the Year Awards went to Christina Nyirenda, Westside Village Nursing Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, Central Division; Connie McNulty, Ridgeview Terrace of Life Care in Rutledge, Tennessee, Eastern Division; Maribeth Cantu, Life Care Center of Haltom in Fort Worth, Texas, Gulf States Region; Clint Searce, Life Care Center of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mountain States Division; Diane Fox, Life Care Center of Acton, Massachusetts, Northeast Division; Carol McIver, Life Care Center of Lewiston, Idaho, Northwest Division; Christine Smith, The Gardens Court in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Southeast Division; and Renato Hintay, Orangegrove Rehabilitation Hospital in Garden Grove, California, Southwest Division.

Deficiency-Free Survey Awards were received by The Lane House in Crawfordsville, Indiana; Life Care Center of LaGrange, Indiana; Life Care Center of Banner Elk, North Carolina; Life Care Center of Morgan County in Wartburg, Tennessee; Life Care Center of Old Hickory Village in Old Hickory, Tennessee; Life Care Center of Attleboro, Massachusetts; Life Care Center of Raynham, Massachusetts; Life Care Center of Medina, Ohio; Mayfair Village Nursing Care Center in Columbus, Ohio; and Life Care Center of Sarasota, Florida.

The theme of this year's meeting is *Our Quality Revolution*. Our clinical associates are enjoying the education sessions, the team-building activities and the fellowship.

Life Care is blessed with the professional expertise, compassionate hearts and commitment of our nurses.

– Beecher Hunter