

Anahory, Burge Top Winners



Adele Anahory

Adele Anahory, director of nursing at Life Care Center of Ocala, Fla., received the Mary Denton Award, the highest honor a nurse in Life Care can receive, on Monday evening as excellence in performance was recognized at the 2011 annual meeting of DONs. The award is named for the lady portrayed in Life Care's logo, receiving a rose from a nurse.

Victoria Burge, director of nursing at Mi Casa Nursing Center in Mesa, Ariz., was named the Company-Wide Director of Nursing of the Year. The two top award winners – along with others acclaimed for service – received standing ovations as their names were announced for these prestigious awards.

The nomination for Anahory declared that she has developed a “carnival-type training in which nursing associates can practice and review their nursing skills, leading to better recall on important care topics.” Anahory also researched and created a three-phase nursing cardiac course for her staff, which the facility credits with allowing several residents to be treated in-house instead of having to transition to the hospital.

Burge “promotes a team spirit and encourages the nursing staff and those in other departments to do their utmost to care for the residents,” and “possesses operational insight and stays involved to continually improve resident care,” her nomination states.

Division directors of nursing of the year honored Monday evening are Stacey Demps, Life Care Center of Sparta, Tenn., Eastern Division; Amanda Pope, Mitchell Manor in Mitchell, Ind., Heartland Division; Cathy Zubler, Life Care Center of Greeley, Colo., Mountain States Division; Robert Davis, Rivergate Health Care Center in Riverview, Mich., Northeast Division; Jodi Stewart, Cascade Park Care Center in Vancouver, Wash., Northwest Division; Cheryl Hand, Life Care Center of Estero, Fla., Southeast Division; and Renato Hintay, Orange Grove Rehabilitation Hospital in Garden Grove, Calif., Southwest Division.



Victoria Burge

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Susan Goodrick, DON at Life Care Center of Post Falls, Idaho, received a certificate for initial accreditation by the Joint Commission.

Deficiency-free survey awards were presented to Life Care Center of Sparta, Tenn. (Stacey Demps), and Wooldridge Place Nursing Center in Corpus Christi, Texas (Rena Casanova), Eastern Division; Life Care Center of LaGrange, Ind. (Jenell Burger), Life Care Center of Valparaiso, Ind. (Linda Filan), and Mitchell Manor in Mitchell, Ind. (Amanda Pope), Heartland Division; Cherry Hill Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Johnston, R.I. (Betty Francisco), Life Care Center of Acton, Mass. (Lauren Cardin accepting), Life Care Center of Auburn, Mass. (Faye Friedrich accepting), Life Care Center of Elyria, Ohio (Jamie Livchak), Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley in North Billerica, Mass. (Susana Macary), Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton, Mass. (Nancy LaRock), Life Care Center of the North Shore in Lynn, Mass. (MaryEllen Forster), Life Care Center of Westlake, Ohio (Robert Albu), and Life Care Center of West Bridgewater, Mass. (Patti Sherman), Northeast Division; Life Care Center of Boise, Idaho (Laura Curran), and Valley West Health Care Center in Eugene, Ore. (Kristi Asplund accepting), Northwest Division; Camellia Gardens of Life Care in Thomasville, Ga. (Patsy Slater), and Life Care Center of Estero, Fla. (Cheryl Hand), Southeast Division; Life Care Center of Bountiful, Utah (Lindsay Sanchez), and Mountain View Care Center in Tucson, Ariz. (Suzanne Vomaska), Southwest Division.

We congratulate these winners for their commitment to excellence in all that they do. They represent many others who have extraordinary dedication to the residents we serve.

– Beecher Hunter