

Sitienei, Gibney Win Top Honors

Life Care closed out its 2014 annual meeting for directors of nursing Wednesday, and it was described by many as the best one ever.



Headlining the honors was the announcement of John Sitienei, director of nursing at Life Care Center of Plano, Texas, who was the recipient of the Mary Denton Award, the highest honor the company bestows on a nurse.

By his work and by his love, John sets the standard of what a great director of nursing should be. His nursing skills, teaching capabilities and compassion bring healing, hope and inspiration to residents, their families and the staff he directs.

“What we do as nurses is God’s work for real,” Sitienei said. “I have a good crew at Plano, and it gives me joy every day to come to work.”

Rachel Gibney, director of nursing at Life Care Center of Valley View in Boise, Idaho, received the Company-wide Director of Nursing of the Year Award.

“I’ve always wanted to be a nurse, ever since I was a little girl,” Gibney said. “It’s my calling.”

John and Rachel represent the pinnacle of their profession. The highest ideals of nursing leadership are demonstrated by their daily actions. Our company is blessed to have them, and the real beneficiaries of their talents and their love are our residents.

Division Director of Nursing of the Year awards went to Candice Thurman, The Lane House in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Central Division; Tammy Banner, Life Care Center of Banner Elk, North Carolina, Eastern Division; Karen Cook, Western Hills Health Care Center in Lakewood, Colorado, Mountain States Division; Tina Correia, Evergreen House Health Center in East Providence, Rhode



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Island, Northeast Division; Jessika Booth, Life Care Center of Puyallup, Washington, Northwest Division; Kathryn McCarten, Life Care Center at Inverrary in Lauderhill, Florida, Southeast Division; and Jennifer Mancebo, Life Care Center of Scottsdale, Arizona, Southwest Division.

Theme of the meeting was *Our Vision for Quality* – and these winners represent that drive and determination to excel in the service we provide.

We salute and congratulate them all.

– Beecher Hunter