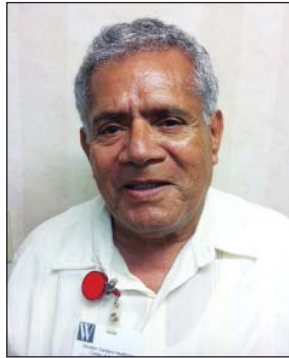


# Facility Super Stars 2012

## Esperanza Banuelos

Certified Nursing Assistant  
Centinela Grand Perris  
*28 years in long-term care*

Although Espie began her career as a house-keeper, she always wanted to be a caregiver and jumped at the opportunity to become a CNA. She has dedicated herself to caring for her residents ever since. The residents love Espie like a daughter, and she treats them like one of her own.



Jose Beltran

## Jose Beltran

Certified Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Gardens Healthcare  
Center of the Valley, North Hollywood  
*31 years in long-term care*

Jose has a gift for knowing how to help those in need. He loves it when the residents call him "Dad" because it validates that he is providing the best care to his residents.



Annabelle Cagurangan

## Annabelle Cagurangan

Director of Nursing  
Country Villa Merced Behavioral  
*26 years in long-term care*

Annabelle is a strong leader of nurses. Following her 20 years in the Philippine military, Annabelle has made a career of caring for the mentally ill. Amid the chaos of daily life, Annabelle brings a mixture of compassion and strength. No matter how unusual or difficult the situation, Annabelle is always up to the task.

## Mario Figueroa

Maintenance Supervisor  
Alliance El Monte Care Center and Alliance Cherrylee Center, El Monte  
*33 years in long-term care*

Mario has been at Alliance El Monte since the building opened. Over the years, his contributions to the Alliance facilities have been immense. He inspires his fellow workers with his enthusiasm and positive spirit and creates a peaceful, positive environment for everyone to enjoy.



Mario Figueroa



Edwina Garcia

## Edwina Garcia

Certified Nursing Assistant  
Bel Air Lodge Convalescent Hospital, Ceres  
*26 years in long-term care*

Edwina is one of those caregivers you wish you could clone. She is the lead CNA at Bel Air Lodge and is one of the most dependable, caring and hardworking employees. She is loved by her residents and praised by family members for her care and compassion.

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Juana Gonzales

## Juana Gonzalez

Certified Nursing Assistant  
Marlinda Imperial Convalescent Hospital,  
Pasadena  
*26 years in long-term care*

“Awesome, capable, compassionate, gentle, kind, lovely, tender, warm, wonderful . . .” are the words used to describe Juana in a letter by a resident’s family member. She is well-loved by the residents because she makes them feel loved and cared for.

## Margaret Goodin Goodward

Art Therapist  
Country Villa Riverside Healthcare Center  
*33 years in long-term care*

Margaret works with clients using artistic media to encourage them to express their thoughts and feelings and pursue creative outlets for self-expression. She also provides one-to-one therapy to assist clients who have difficulty in self-expression due to physical or behavioral challenges.

## Roberta Herpka

Activities Assistant  
Vista Cove Care Center at Rialto  
*37 years in long-term care*

Roberta has devoted her life to long-term care and has been working at the same facility for 37 years. She started her career at 16, working as a nursing assistant, and later transferred to activities. She is the go-to person if you need help or a volunteer for a project.



Roberta Herpka



Dick Hill

## Dick Hill

Medical Records Director  
Windsor Gardens Convalescent Center of San Diego  
*38 years in long-term care*

After serving as a hospital corpsman in the Navy, Dick successfully challenged the LVN board and began his career in long-term care in 1974. In 2010, he suffered a serious stroke but within months was back on the job, still joking with the staff and charming the female residents.

## Paulita Jimenez

Laundry Aide  
Country Villa Woodman  
Health Care Center, Van Nuys  
*33 years in long-term care*

Paulita is a dedicated and motivational team member. She shows how dedication and perseverance can be a guiding light for those she serves.

# Facility Super Stars 2012

## Soon Kim (aka 'Mama Kim')

LVN, Charge Nurse  
Long Beach Care Center  
*32 years in long-term care*

At 73, Soon Kim could have retired many years ago, but her passion for the nursing profession and her dedication to quality nursing care keep her going. "Mama Kim's" residents and families accept her as part of their family.



Soon Kim



Susan Leitch

## Susan Leitch

Community Manager, GZ Special Care  
Eisenberg Village, Los Angeles Jewish Home  
*30 years in long-term care*

As the Community Manager, Susan oversees the activities, social services and day-to-day operations of two skilled-nursing units which deliver care to 166 residents. She has a special way of embracing each resident as a total individual, understanding their special needs.

## Reccie Mendibles

Treatment Nurse  
Golden LivingCenter-Fresno  
*37 years in long-term care*

Reccie began her career as a CNA. She has faced many challenges, including working full time while raising her two children as a single mother, but she worked hard and climbed the career ladder to become a charge nurse/treatment nurse. She is an expert in her field and loves sharing her knowledge with others.

## Linda Neelen

Administrator – GLC Training Center  
Golden LivingCenter Hillcrest, Fresno  
*30-plus years in long-term care*

Linda is responsible for the Golden LivingCenter Training Centers in California, which provide CNA training to all the GLC buildings. Linda always has a positive attitude. She loves the Training Centers because they are a beneficial part of the community.



Linda Neelen

## Eva Pinedo

Director of Staff Development  
County Villa Watsonville East  
*26 years in long-term care*

After working the floor for 23 years, Eva was promoted to Director of Staff Development three years ago. Eva shows her dedication to the residents daily by providing in-services and training with a smile (and candy!) She leads by example, assisting the team on the floor, particularly at meal times.

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Angie Puente

## Angie Puente

Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Rancho Vista, an Elmcroft Senior Living Community, Vista  
*26 years in long-term care*

As a restorative nursing assistant, Angie oversees and inspires the residents to make extreme efforts to gain back some of their mobility or abilities. The sensitivity she demonstrates allows for residents to mourn the loss of function with great dignity. She impacts, improves and inspires those around her.



Martha Ramirez

## Martha Ramirez

Cook  
St. Edna Sub Acute and Rehabilitation Center,  
Santa Ana  
*33 years in long-term care*

Martha was 18 when she began working as a dish washer at St. Edna. Over the years, she has served more than 100,000 meals to many happy residents, mentored many other cooks and served as an inspiration for many.



Linda Sandoval

## Linda Sandoval

Certified Nursing Assistant  
Country Villa Redlands  
*33 years in long-term care*

Linda finds her work as rewarding today as it was when she started. She has served as such a wonderful example of care and dedication that her daughter recently started working in the activities department at the same facility.

## Umilta Sargeant

LVN/Treatment Nurse  
Glendora Grand  
*34 years in long-term care*

Umilta has been a constant presence at her facility for 34 years. An LVN for 30 years, she has spent the last 25 as a wound treatment nurse, bringing a constant smile and delivering quality care to her residents on a daily basis.



Umilta Sargeant

## Jerry Sinor

Restorative Nurse's Aide  
Golden LivingCenter Galt  
*47 years in long-term care*

Jerry began working at Royal Oaks Convalescent, now Golden LivingCenter Galt, shortly after the facility opened in 1967. Throughout the years, he has been dedicated to helping the residents maintain their highest level of independence.



# Certificate of Merit

## **Ana Alvarado**

Windsor Terrace Healthcare Center, Van Nuys  
*13 years in long-term care*

## **Kimberly Beatrez**

Golden LivingCenter Clovis  
*25 years in long-term care*

## **Maria Calderon**

Mission Skilled Nursing and Sub Acute Center,  
Santa Clara  
*12 years in long-term care*

## **Maria 'Alex' Chavarria**

Gilroy Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center  
*20 years in long-term care*

## **Jill Coomber**

Country Villa Rancho Mirage Healthcare Center  
*16 years in long-term care*

## **Debbie Dews**

Bel Air Lodge and Ha-Lle Aloha Convalescent, Turlock  
*20 years in long-term care*

## **Maria Diaz**

Country Villa Broadway, San Gabriel  
*12 years in long-term care*

## **Hanh Du**

Alliance Cherrylee Center, El Monte  
*17 years in long-term care*

## **Noelia Edwards**

Golden LivingCenter, Galt  
*21 years in long-term care*

## **Marcela Guerra**

Windsor Gardens Convalescent Center of Hawthorne  
*18 years in long-term care*

## **Jorge Gutierrez**

Hy-Lond Home, Garden Grove  
*25 years in long-term care*

## **Consuelo 'Sol' Natividad**

Windsor Gardens of Los Angeles  
*22 years in long-term care*

## **Eva Rivera**

Parkside Special Care Center, El Cajon  
*18 years in long-term care*

## **Claudia Sandoval Torres**

St Edna Sub Acute and Rehabilitation Center,  
Santa Ana  
*13 years in long-term care*

## **Inez Sanhueza**

Windsor Gardens Healthcare Center of the Valley,  
North Hollywood  
*31 years in long-term care*

## **Alcacia Sarmiento**

Torrance Care Center West  
*26 years in long-term care*

## **Karen Schwartz**

Mission Skilled Nursing & Subacute Center,  
Santa Clara  
*21 years in long-term care*

## **Sadna Singh**

Stonebrook Healthcare Center, Concord  
*22 years in long-term care*

## **Barbara Smith**

Country Villa Bay Vista, Long Beach  
*25 years in long-term care*

## **Marine Solomon**

TERI Vista Home, Oceanside  
*18 years in long-term care*

## **Erlinda Soto**

Pacific Coast Manor, Capitola  
*20 years in long-term care*

## **Kristy Thompson**

Northern California Rehabilitation Center, Redding  
*15-plus years in long-term care*

## **Kem VanSelow**

Brentwood Skilled Nursing & Rehab, Red Bluff  
*22 years in long-term care*

## **Blanca Vazquez**

Windsor Gardens Healthcare Center of the Valley,  
North Hollywood  
*15 years in long-term care*

## **Ricardo Vera**

Shea Family La Jolla  
*10-plus years in long-term care*

## **Melicia Williams**

Torrance Care Center East  
*24 years in long-term care*

## **Emerita Zamora**

Alliance Nursing & Rehab Center, El Monte  
*23 years in long-term care*

## **Edna Zarco**

St. Edna Sub Acute and Rehab Center, Santa Ana  
*15 years in long-term care*