

SUMMER AWARDS

Adult Volunteer



Donna Crocker

English Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation, Modesto

Donna Crocker began visiting English Oaks in 1977 when her father was a resident. Twenty years later, she continues to connect one-on-one with residents every Wednesday. Donna is one of the kindest and most pleasant individuals you will ever meet. During her visits, she patiently reads to residents, holds hands in comfort or just listens to anyone who is lonely and looking for companionship. Donna says English Oaks feels like home and she considers the residents and staff as part of her family. She loves the residents and is a great mentor to new volunteers.



Richard Tate

Palomar Vista Healthcare Center, Escondido

For the past eight years, Richard Tate has spent almost 40 hours a week at Palomar Vista Healthcare Center, helping with scheduled events, decorating, serving snacks and staying until the end to help with clean up. He enjoys visiting and assisting residents to events because he wants to ensure they are having a great time. He is in charge of setting up the bingo store every Wednesday so residents can purchase snacks and personal products. Richard says he takes pride in his volunteer work and gets satisfaction from helping. He may be on the quiet side, but he is an angel in disguise.

Group Volunteer



William and Sylvia Wong

Kei-Ai Los Angeles Healthcare Center

Each Monday for the past twenty years, William and Sylvia Wong have visited Kei-Ai Los Angeles Healthcare Center to conduct an English singing class. They sing songs that are appropriate for the season and ones that residents enjoy. Sylvia often plays the piano during the session. Although they do not speak the language, they have learned some simple Japanese songs to include in their song selections. The Wongs also provide Chinese language newspapers and magazines and take care to select articles that would be of interest to particular residents. Pleasant, kind and thoughtful, their strength is mentoring new, younger volunteers. They are patient, giving guidance and advice so new volunteers will learn how to best approach and interact with residents.

Youth Volunteer



Pratyush Sridhar

Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility, San Jose

Seventeen year-old Pratyush Sridhar has formed solid relationships with residents at Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility after volunteering for the past two years. He chose the facility for the focus of a school project and normally volunteers two hours a week. During school breaks, he volunteers ten hours a week. Pratyush enjoys helping residents and learning about their likes, dislikes and personal preferences. He is able to adapt to fit the needs of the residents and provides a calm environment during activities. As an activity leader, he makes the sessions enjoyable for all.

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Distinguished Service Award



Rosemary Campos Kilby

Administrator

Landmark Medical Center, Pomona

Rosemary Campos Kilby started working in long-term care more than 35 years ago as an activity director. Now an administrator, she has been a passionate advocate for her residents at Landmark Medical Center for most of her career. An active CAHF participant, Rosemary has served on a variety of committees including Behavioral Health, Government Relations, Strategic Planning, Products and Services and Public Advocacy. In 2010, Rosemary was elected president of the CAHF Pasadena/San Gabriel chapter. Later, after her election as Region 4 chair, she helped consolidate a number of chapters in the Los Angeles area. Under her leadership, chapter finance issues have improved and she has recruited new leadership. Rosemary has been active in helping CAHF with advocacy and fundraising efforts, including the successful "Day at the Races."



Terry Sheets

Chief Compliance Officer

Meritage Healthcare, Fresno

Terry Sheets has more than 35 years of experience in long-term care and serves as chief compliance officer for Meritage Healthcare. A talented educator specializing in clinical, regulatory and quality improvement, she is a frequent QCHF instructor. Terry is an occupational therapist, a certified resident assessment coordinator and a restorative nursing program instructor. As a consultant and teacher, Terry is a valued resource for members seeking MDS assistance, Medicare reimbursement and regulatory compliance. She serves as a member of the QCHF Board of Directors and Chair of CAHF's Quality Improvement Subcommittee.

Life Membership Award



Georgia Otterson

Georgia Otterson began her career as an events coordinator with Bread & Roses, bringing music and entertainment to people in institutions. That led to skilled nursing where she practiced her vocation as an administrator for more than 30 years, mostly in northern California. Georgia continues to work part-time assignments. She has served as president of the Redwood Empire Chapter for the past two decades. Georgia has been active on the Convention, Bylaws and Public Advocacy committees. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Georgia twice volunteered with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help rebuild homes in Louisiana. Rarely without a smile and always with a camera around her neck, she is best known for her generous volunteer efforts as "official photographer" of the association.



Clay Green

Clay Green grew up in Oregon, and started his career as an administrator and owner of several nursing homes before bringing his passion for long-term care to California. A member of CAHF for 33 years, he has been an administrator at a number of facilities including Health Care Management, Covenant Care, Gramercy Court and Sunrise Health Care. For the past ten years up until retirement, he served as acting interim CEO and corporate administrator for Riverside Health Care. Clay held numerous CAHF leadership positions including a stint as regional chair and president of the Sacramento chapter for eight years. An air force pilot during the Vietnam War, Clay continued to fly, doing some flight instruction, air racing and participating in medical transports nationwide. Clay has a lasting reputation as a team player who is always willing to help a fellow CAHF member.