## **Nurse of the Year Award Winners**

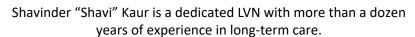
The Nurse of the Year award is designed to recognize an outstanding registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse who has dedicated her or his professional career to the field of long-term care.







Ararat Nursing Facility
Mission Hills



Born in Punjab, India, Shavi migrated to the United States in 2003 after completing college in India and Europe. As a member of a family that is working in the medical field, she was inspired to join the long-term care profession and became a licensed LVN in 2009.

She joined Horizon Health & Subacute Center in Fresno in 2014, supervising 70-80 CNAs and other employees, leading CNA recruitment and onboarding, and ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations while simultaneously serving as the lead infection control nurse for the 180-bed facility.

In her current role as director of staff development/infection preventionist her skills were tested during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her ability to lead by example helped other nurses witness the determination that is needed to conquer physical, mental and emotional fatigue.



## Susan Yeranyan

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Susan Yeranyan, RN, began her career in Armenia, as a biochemist with a degree from Yerevan State University.

After migrating to the United States, she pursued her passion for

healthcare by starting a career at Ararat Nursing Facility
(ANF) as a certified nursing assistant. During her 25 years of
employment at ANF, Susan climbed the career ladder and achieved
her American Dream after her promotion to Director of Clinical
Services in 2007. Susan is also a Certified Dementia Practitioner. She
was the ANF Employee of the Year in 1996 and was recognized by the
International Nurses Association for her excellence in nursing in 2019.

Under her leadership, Ararat Nursing Facility has consistently remained a Five-Star facility. It received the AHCA/NCAL Bronze and Silver Quality Awards in 2017 and 2018, respectively. The facility plans to apply for Gold level recognition in 2020.

Susan is a true nurse, at heart and in practice. She loves touching and changing people's lives, being hands on, as well as leading and educating the next generation of nurses.





**2018** 

**Merlyn Trinidad** 

Edgemoor Hospital DP/SNF Santee

2017

**Roxan Vincent** 

Vienna Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Lodi

**2016** 

Martha Leon

Golden Living Center Sanger

**2015** 

Rosaline "Rose" Dorschner

Vista Cove Care Center at San Gabriel
San Gabriel

2014

**Shony del Pilar** 

Southland Care Center Norwalk

2013

Haya Berci

Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Medical Center, Reseda

2012

Gloria Cervantes Reyes

Shea Family Care Mission Hills

**2011** 

**Debbie Wiechman** 

Northern California Rehabilitation Hospital Redding **2010** 

**Kim Costello** 

Hy-Lond Home Garden Grove

2009

Sandra Lourido

Kennon S. Shea & Associates Oceanside

2008

Barbara DiFilippo

Golden Living Center Fresno

2007

**Ann Folmer** 

Beverly Living Center Sanger