

# 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.

# PREVIOUS WINNERS

## 2022

### Edwin Cabigao Generations Healthcare Santa Ana

For 27 years, Edwin has been leading the long-term care profession to deliver quality of care through education, training and mentoring. Starting as front-line staff, as the Director of Clinical Services, Edwin currently manages 26 SNFs and two Assisted Living Facilities owned and operated by Generations Healthcare.

For the past decade, he has been a legal nurse and nurse expert witness at various law firms. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Edwin developed a respiratory program called, "Just Breathe." The program allows SNFs to admit and care for highly complex pulmonary patients in order to provide respiratory treatment modules with additional training and support of respiratory therapists.

The training gave nurses the confidence and skills to accurately assess, document, treat and care for the patients' respiratory needs. With this program, his facilities were able to admit complex, respiratory patients and help relieve hospitals during the surge of COVID-19 cases. This approach, and Edwin's accomplishments, were even featured in a McKnight's Long-Term Care News article this past summer.

During his career, he has continued his education path achieving a BS in Nursing, a Master's in Gerontology and PhD in Healthcare Administration. Thanks to all of these experiences, he puts patient care first to build a forward-thinking and sustainable long-term care delivery.



## 2022

### Susan Yeranyan Ararat Nursing Facility Mission Hills

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.



## ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

**2021** 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