

Friend of Nursing 2020

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This award recognizes a non-nurse employee of Phelps Northwell Health who demonstrates a strong commitment to nursing and has impacted nursing practice, nursing education, nursing administration and/or patient safety significantly.

The Following Criteria Must Be Met:

1. Serves as an advocate for nurses and the nursing profession
2. Works to promote the profession of nursing
3. Collaborates exceptionally with nurses
4. Enhances the Nursing profession through support and teamwork
5. Serves as an excellent resource to nurses
6. Demonstrates extraordinary dedication and commitment to the goals of nursing at Phelps.
7. Encourages a positive work environment.

NOTE: ONLY ONE NOMINEE PER FORM

FRIEND OF NURSING Award Nominees and Winner:

MARIA BUETI, HR SPECIALIST, HR

“As the former co-friend of nursing, I would be honored to pass this title along to Maria Bueti. Maria played a key role in helping us achieve our Magnet Designation.

- Maria provided us with nursing turnover data at the hospital level as well as unit level. Even when the information was not collected in the way we needed, Maria’s “can do” attitude made it happen.
- Maria also provides the needed information on a monthly basis in order to maintain the RN Education database. That data fed the information for the DDCT as well as the KQMI.
- Maria wowed the crowd during the HR Session with easily navigating through the self, peer, performance goals / actual appraisal.

Maria is a true team player who assisted and contributed throughout our Magnet journey, Maria is a true friend of Nursing!

TANISHA HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COORDINATOR, HYPERBARIC MEDICINE

Over my decade long service in healthcare, I've learned that to be a healthcare worker is to be a servant to others. There is no more a noble calling. I would like to thank Tanisha for her passion and the compassion she shows our patients and families on a daily basis. I am thankful that by working together, we are able to create the best experience and guide our patients in their healthcare journey. Tanisha is always there to arrange and coordinate all transportation and scheduling needs for all our patients. She is always there to welcome each and every patient with a warm smile. She never backs down from a challenge and prioritizes the needs of our patients. Her professionalism shines through in challenging times.

Tanisha's unwavering commitment to our patient and their care is what enables our department to thrive. Tanisha's dedication to her profession and the time she sacrifices are greatly appreciated by the nursing staff. She embodies our values and the spirit of Northwell Health. We are truly grateful for her support of nursing.

NEAL BROWN, IT

Neal is a true friend of nursing. He was an invaluable resource during our Magnet Journey as well as during the height of the Covid Pandemic. He was always just a phone call away, ready to assist in any way needed. He came up with some great solutions to connect patients and their families who could not visit. He was front and center delivering Pads in motion to each patient and having them installed for patients to use for entertainment education or family contact. He also came up with an amazon "echo" device which allowed nurses to view and communicate into a patient room without having to go in, thereby reducing RN exposure to COVID + patients.

In addition Neal was instrumental in our virtual Magnet site visit prep and actual 3 day virtual survey. He designed the entire process for 3 virtual Magnet appraisers to experience an optimal audio and video communication

For this, Neal is a true friend of nursing

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JULIETTA GJEKA, HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

When I think of a “Friend of Nursing”, Julietta is the first person that comes to mind. She is always available and super friendly whenever we need a question answered or a task completed in the Operating Room. She helps lend support by providing us with additional resources and with our cleaning needs. Her ability to meet our requests is amazing. Anything we ask for...she somehow accomplishes. She is truly a pleasure to work with. I am so happy she is on the environmental services team. She makes it easy to have a truly Collaborative working relationship. She is a great support for nursing staff at Phelps Hospital and deserves to be recognized.