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Nominee Name * **Mary Quady**

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Describe the nominee's accomplishments	Mary Quady is a Home Health Aide at Good Samaritan Society Home Care (skilled Medicare agency), and also at Friendship Village of Bloomington (comprehensive licensure). In the past, she had worked at CovenantCare at Home, which was a Medicare certified agency that closed it's doors in 2012.
How has this person gone above and beyond to demonstrate the 'Strength' of home care? *	Mary is an exceptional HHA who is not only deeply concerned about her patients well-being, but is also very respected by her peers as a role model, and a lasting example of how to provide excellence in personal cares. Her communication with families, nurses, and other care team members is exceptional. She is also very effective at quality documentation. She is able to juggle patient cares all around the metro area, driving from Buffalo, where she lives, each day. I have worked with Mary in the field, and now as a Director of Home Care, and she is the most loving, concerned, respectful and patient-oriented HHA I've known. She also has an amazing ability to approach patient care holistically. She receives high praise from patients, co-workers, and family members consistently. She not only approaches patient care with the utmost caring and professionalism, she also has an amazing talent for understanding the healthcare system as well as the Home Care industry in a global way, which gives her a deep understanding of how to serve patients and provide care according to federal and state guidelines.
What three words best describe this person *	Holistic, Empathic, Professional

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Nominee Name * **Melissa Ohmacht**

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Nominator Name * Michelle Buseman

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Describe the nominee's accomplishments	She has attended multiple classes, including ICD-10 coding classes, Management Classes, and has taken the Oasis Certification Class.
How has this person gone above and beyond to demonstrate the 'Strength' of home care? *	She goes above and beyond, is grateful for her job and employees. If she does not know the answer, she finds it quickly. She attends multiple classes on ICD-10 Coding, Oasis, Management classes, and is always trying to better herself. She spends her spare time doing research on Home Care regulations, new laws, and keeping up to date with changes. She is also willing to help out others when they are in need and continues to be a good example to those who need it.
What three words best describe this person *	Dedicated, Faithful, and Encouraging.

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Nominee Name * Cadi Breun

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Nominator Name * Konnie Evans

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Describe the nominee's accomplishments Cadi, a Licensed Practical Nurse, started with Knute Nelson Home Care in July 2013 as an Intake Nurse. In the last two years, she has increased her leadership capacities and growth by expanding responsibilities into LPN Charge Nurse, then Technical Care Specialist, and now is the Clinical Technology Manager. In this role, Cadi combines her nursing knowledge and skills with technology – encouraging patients to live independently and safely in their homes for as long as possible. This is done by providing patients education about their chronic disease, involving them in their cares to encourage self- sufficiency and teaching patients and their caregivers how to utilize technology in the simplest manner.

Cadi lives out Knute Nelson's mission and vision daily as she assures patients' needs are met and strives for innovation. Cadi has assisted in creating and implementing a technology team that is on the leading edge of technology that no other home care agency in Minnesota has put into action. She strives to create a safe and engaging environment for patients and continues to excel at keeping them in their homes. Patient testimonials and clinical reports demonstrate her effectiveness and impact. Cadi is currently enhancing her personal growth and leadership skills through Knute Nelson's Leadership Academy and continues to further her education as she pursues her Registered Nurse - Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, as well as other educational opportunities available to her.

How has this person gone above and beyond to demonstrate the 'Strength' of home care? *

Beyond patient care, Cadi continues to pursue the possibilities of technology, allowing an environment for our patients that help them to remain safely in their homes. She has also increased patient, family, and physician engagement in our patient's healthcare needs by utilizing technology. Cadi truly "enriches the lives of those we serve" for home care and hospice by keeping them safely in their homes, connecting families using technology, advocating for telehealth funding and increased utilization as well as forming collaborative partnerships with telecommunications providers to help the patient gain faster access, unbundled services and affordable rates with no contracts. Cadi has built a strong relationship with our lead technology company, GrandCare, to encourage product enhancements and development for greater use in nursing capacities to further meet the patient's needs. Cadi has been able to create relationships with community leaders through grant implementation by utilizing technology to reduce overall healthcare costs for the patient, agency and healthcare companies. Cadi is leading the implementation of a physician visit via technology to connect Twin City specialty physicians to remote living patients to improve communication and understanding of the patients' chronic disease. Cadi is very dedicated in assuring her team is thoroughly trained with all technology offered to Knute Nelson Home Care and Hospice clients. Through Cadi's work and dedication, she serves as a role model to others and without hesitation demonstrates the strength of home care each day.

What three words best describe this person *

Innovative, dedicated, compassionate

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Nominee Name * **Stefanie Kampfer**

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Describe the nominee's accomplishments	Stefanie has worked at Pres Homes for nearly 8 years. She is currently one of Homecare's Staffing Coordinators as well as our Supply Manager. She has been an integral part of getting our Flu Clinics up and running. Also, she is starting school to complete her degree in health care management.
How has this person gone above and beyond to demonstrate the 'Strength' of home care? *	Stefanie's work ethic is excellent. She is constantly thinking about how systems can be improved. She goes above and beyond her job duties daily. She will step up and be that 'central contact person' for Clients and their families who reach out to her with questions. She is always willing to take on new projects and sees them thru with attention to every detail. She is a creative problem solver. Her consistency in providing solid work strengthens our agency considerably!
What three words best describe this person *	Dedicated, thorough, focused

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Nominee Name * Sandi Maguire

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Describe the nominee's accomplishments	<p>As a founding member of Pediatric Home Service (PHS) and the current Managing Director of Home Care Nursing, Sandi Maguire has undoubtedly seen many accomplishments during her 27 years in home care. Not only has she helped make this company what it is today as it celebrates 25 years in business, but she has also had an immeasurable effect on countless families and their children with medical complexities through her leadership, innovation, and compassion as she walks through this journey with them.</p> <p>One of Sandi's greatest accomplishments started the moment PHS opened its doors in 1990. From its inception, Sandi and her fellow founders made it a top priority to provide the absolute best care for children who were brought home to receive respiratory therapy – setting the bar for this level of care at home, and respiratory therapy as a whole. Sandi knew these children could excel at home and deserved to grow there with their parents, siblings, pets and community. Her mission from day one has been to provide care at the highest level possible - an accomplishment that continues to benefit families, hospitals, and health care professionals alike today.</p> <p>As PHS grew, Sandi spent a number of years overseeing the respiratory therapy and infusion nursing departments and ensured our clinicians were trained extensively and patients were being cared for at the standard that PHS has always held itself to. Through her leadership, clinicians continue to provide exceptional care to each patient day in and day out and has made PHS the home care company it is today. When it was decided to open a home care nursing (HCN) division, Susan Wingert (CEO and founder of PHS) asked Sandi to head up the department and she immediately took charge with determination and a passion for continuing to provide the absolute best nursing care possible for children with medical complexities. Recognizing that there would be a number of new challenges to address and overcome including nurse retention and family dynamics, Sandi has been an integral part of growing the HCN department into what it is now. PHS works to keep up with the referrals and requests from families and health care professionals alike for our home care nursing, and it cannot be overlooked that this demand is the result of the training, education, and professionalism with which our nurses enter patient homes. This is truly a testament to her ability to manage highly effective teams and execute the best care plans for these children.</p> <p>PHS has continued to expand its services and to provide a more complete circle of care for Minnesota's most medically complex children, and Sandi has been at the forefront of collaboration and decision making along with her colleagues – her contributions will positively impact children for decades to come, giving them the opportunity to thrive at home.</p>

How has this person gone above and beyond to demonstrate the 'Strength' of home care? *

Sandi has made it her mission for the last 25+ years to demonstrate the strength of home care through one simple method: by doing it the best and ensuring PHS staff follow suit – and letting the success stories speak for themselves. She has been involved in the intricate training and education programs that prepare home care nurses to provide comprehensive care for their patients in the home, listens to the concerns and praises from families and health care professionals alike, and is involved in addressing the challenge of recruiting nurses head on.

Everything she does for PHS and its patients demonstrates that children with extremely complex medical diagnoses can receive the highest level of care at home, and have the best opportunity to heal and grow stronger when they're in the comfort of home. Sandi has had an indispensable role in bringing children home who wouldn't have had that opportunity 25 years ago. Her first priority is always the patient, and she will always be a strong advocate for ensuring the child gets what he or she needs.

Sandi has taken a proactive approach to hiring and retaining nurses by going into nursing schools to speak with students directly. Students learn what home care nursing really is, how dynamic and growing this field is, and that home care is a career where a nurse can really utilize the extensive and comprehensive skill set he or she received during their education. She knows what an incredible difference home care nursing makes for families and patients, and goes above and beyond to demonstrate that for students who will soon be entering the work force. By being such a strong advocate for home care nursing, she is able to address the industry-wide challenge of recruiting and retaining nurses in an otherwise hospital-focused career path. By educating, Sandi is able to open new doors for up-and-coming nurses, and at the same time support children who are waiting to discharge in the hospital until nurses are hired to provide care at home.

What three words best describe this person? *

Compassionate. Determined. Enthusiastic. These are the traits that have brought Sandi where she is today, and will continue to drive her dedication to caring for children with medical complexities.