



The Association for Home & Hospice Care of North Carolina

# 2022 Annual HOME Awards

(Honoring Outstanding Merit and Excellence)  
Nomination Packet

Awards Presented on May 2, 2022 at the 2022 Annual Conference  
Raleigh Marriott Crabtree, Raleigh, NC



THANK YOU for nominating a HERO from your agency! AHHC's Annual HOME Award Ceremony is an emotional event and nominating someone for these awards is one of the best ways you can recognize and reward them for the great work they are doing. Remember, there are over 800 member agencies of AHHC, and over 100,000 employees working in home care, home health and hospice. Over 500,000 patients receive care in their homes, and there are countless caregivers working hundreds of unpaid hours each year. This is an opportunity to celebrate all the great things they do each and every day.

This year we are recognizing and rewarding:

- Sherry Leigh Thomas Nurse of the Year
- Nurse Aide of the Year
- Physician of the Year
- Family Caregiver of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

**Guidelines: Please read the instructions VERY carefully, as failure to do so may disqualify your nomination.**

- Do not use the name of the nominee or any identifying information (such as agency name) on your narrative or in your answers. The only place the nominee's name and agency should appear is in the Nominee Profile at the top of this form.
- This process will ensure the committee can review the nominations without access to identifying information of the individual nominated.
- Complete your nominations by filling in the fields provided on both the Nomination Profile AND the Nomination Questionnaire Forms of the Award for which you are submitting a nomination. Save the document and email attachment to [adrian@ahhcnc.org](mailto:adrian@ahhcnc.org).
- You may leave blank the awards for which you are not submitting a nominee. However, please submit the packet in its entirety when submitting to: [adrian@ahhcnc.org](mailto:adrian@ahhcnc.org).

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Deadline to Submit Nominations is Friday, April 1st, 2022

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## 2022 Sherry Leigh Thomas Nurse of the Year - Nominee Profile Form

**Criteria for the Award:** This award is designed to recognize and reward a registered nurse with at least 3 years experience in home care, home health or hospice who has dedicated their career and professional contributions to the field of home health or hospice care and has the heart of a teacher. This very special category seeks to highlight a commitment, passion and selflessness to delivering quality care, professionalism and patient outcomes.

Name of Nominator	
Agency Name	
Nominator's Phone #/Email	
Nominee's Name + Credentials	
Nominee's Email Address	
# of Years Worked in Home Care and Hospice	

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### Criteria for Nomination

Please be sure to address the qualities of the nominated individual that best meets the following criteria:

1. Describe examples of how this person leads with humility and selflessness. **(20 points)**
2. How has this person been a pioneer in your agency? **(10 points)**
3. What has been a major contribution of this individual to the home health, home care or hospice nursing profession? **(10 points)**
4. How has this person excelled in their own professional growth and development? **(30 points)**
5. How has this person gone above and beyond in their position to help educate others? Provide examples. **(20 points)**
6. Demonstrate how this person has advocated for patients and the home care and hospice industry at large. **(10 points)**

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**2022 Sherry Leigh Thomas Award - Answer Form**

## 2022 Nurse Aide of the Year - Nominee Profile Form

**Criteria for the Award:** This award is designed to recognize CNA's and NA's in the home and hospice care industry. The nominee must have a minimum of one (1) year experience working in home care and/or hospice.

**They must demonstrate the following:**

- A commitment to the industry by serving on internal agency committees, AHHC committees or community involvement;
- An interest in professional growth through continuing education;
- Excellence and commitment to patient care; and
- Dedication to raising the level of professionalism.

Name of Nominator	
Agency Name	
Nominator's Phone #/Email	
Nominee's Name + Credentials	
Nominee's Agency Address	
Nominee's Phone Number	

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### Criteria for Nomination

Please be sure to address the qualities of the nominated individual that best meets the following criteria:

1. Specify the activities this individual has participated in either at their agency, the Association or through their community. **(10 points)**
2. List jobs and describe efforts undertaken by this individual to enhance their professional growth. **(20 points)**
3. Illustrate through a narrative (no longer than 350 words) how this individual demonstrates excellence and commitment to job performance and/or patient care. Provide examples of innovation and/or leadership qualities portrayed by this nominee. **(30 points)**
4. Elaborate on this candidate's work habits which exemplify professionalism. Provide illustrations as to how this candidate has helped raise the level of professionalism in your agency and/or throughout the industry (~100 words). **(20 points)**
5. Explain why this individual deserves this distinguished award over all other nominations (100 words or less). **(20 points)**

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**2022 Nurse Aide of the Year - Answer Form**

## 2022 Physician of the Year - Nominee Profile Form

**Criteria for the Award:** This award is presented annually to a NC physician who has demonstrated a philosophical commitment to assisting home health and/or hospice patients who wish to remain at home.

Name of Nominator	
Agency Name	
Nominator's Phone #/Email	
Nominee's Name + Credentials	
Nominee's Email Address	
Nominee's Phone Number	
# of Years Worked in Home Care and Hospice	

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### Criteria for Nomination

Please be sure to address the qualities of the nominated individual that best meets the following criteria:

1. Describe role of this physician with your agency and how this physician actively supports your programs? **(25 points)**
  - Willing to share knowledge (in-services)
  - Consultative services
  - Review Policies, Procedures, and Protocols
2. Describe how this physician serves as an advocate for in-home services in the community. **(50 points)**
3. How has the physician served above and beyond call of duty or made a difference in the agency? Describe how well they collaborate with staff. **(25 points)**

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## 2022 Physician of the Year - Answer Form



## 2022 Family Caregiver of the Year - Nominee Profile Form

**Criteria for the Award:** This award is presented to a non-paid friend or family caregiver who goes above and beyond the call of duty to promote patient/client well-being and enhanced quality of life including but not limited to factors such as comfort, safety and independence.

Name of Nominator	
Agency of Nominator	
Nominator's Phone #/Email	
Nominee's Name	
Nominee's Email Address	
Nominee's Phone Number	

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### Criteria for Nomination

Please be sure to address the qualities of the nominated individual that best meets the following criteria:

1. How has the caregiver made a difference in the life of their family member/friend? **(30 points)**
2. Describe proven ability to learn care instructions and to intervene appropriately. **(10 points)**
3. Describe adjustments made in caregiver's personal life to provide care. **(30 points)**
4. List other attributes pertinent to care (attitude, flexibility, dependability, willing to advocate). **(20 points)**
5. Describe any additional reasons this nominee deserves this award over all other nominees. **(10 points)**

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# 2022 Family Caregiver of the Year - Answer Form

## 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award - Nominee Profile Form

**Criteria for the Award:** This award is designed to recognize Volunteers in Home Care/Hospice. The nominee must have a minimum of one (1) year experience volunteering in hospice.

**They must demonstrate the following:**

- Considerable commitment in their relationship to home care/hospice, including role and scope of volunteer activity.
- Notable impact by strengthening the home care, hospice or palliative care program or the lives of patients and families served.
- Serve as an inspiration to others.

Name of Nominator	
Agency of Nominator	
Nominator's Phone #/Email	
Nominee's Name	
Nominee's Email Address	
Nominee's Phone Number	
# of Years Volunteered in Home Care and Hospice	

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**Criteria for Nomination**

Please be sure to address the qualities of the nominated individual that best meets the following criteria:

1. Recount examples of this volunteer's actions that demonstrate their caring nature (350 words or less). **(40 points)**
2. When others comment on this volunteer, what are the most common descriptors used? **(20 points)**
3. What do patients/clients and families and staff most value about this volunteer's contributions to your agency ( ~100 words) **(20 points)**
4. Describe the value of the volunteer's caring spirit to your agency (100 words or less). **(20 points)**

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