

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.



2023 Nurse of the Year

Devinder Pannu

**The Foundations Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Yuba City**

For 22 years, Devinder has been a member of the team at The Fountains Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. In 2001, Devinder started her career in the long-term care profession as a CNA on the night shift. Quickly realizing how much she enjoyed caring for residents, she went back to school and became a LVN. Then she headed back to the classroom to obtain her RN license, and headed back to school yet again earning her degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Calling herself a “professional student,” Devinder simultaneously climbed the career ladder becoming the Director of Staff Development and managing more than 50 CNAs, promoted to Director of Nursing, and now works a couple of shifts a month at an urgent care and health clinics.

Devinder’s knowledge of skilled nursing and infection control was a tremendous asset during the COVID pandemic. She worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of The Fountains’ residents. She even filled in as administrator for a period of time while managing the daily functions of the facility, and managing her own team.

ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

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| 2022 | Edwin Cabigao
Generations Healthcare
Santa Ana | 2012 | Gloria Cervantes Reyes
Shea Family Care
Mission Hills |
| 2022 | Susan Yeranyan
Ararat Nursing Facility
Mission Hills | 2011 | Debbie Wiechman
Northern California
Rehabilitation Hospital
Redding |
| 2021 | Merlyn Trinidad
Edgemoor Hospital DP/SNF
Santee | 2010 | Kim Costello
Hy-Lond Home
Garden Grove |
| 2017 | Roxan Vincent
Vienna Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Lodi | 2009 | Sandra Lourido
Kennon S. Shea &
Associates
Oceanside |
| 2016 | Martha Leon
Golden Living Center
Sanger | 2008 | Barbara DiFilippo
Golden Living Center
Fresno |
| 2015 | Rosaline "Rose" Dorschner
Vista Cove Care Center at San Gabriel
San Gabriel | 2007 | Ann Folmer
Beverly Living Center
Sanger |
| 2014 | Shony del Pilar
Southland Care Center
Norwalk | | |
| 2013 | Haya Berci
Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Medical Center,
Reseda | | |