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Nurse Receives National Award for Clinical Excellence

Mt. Laurel, NJ — June 22, 2009 — Bayada Nurses, a leading home health care agency, honored Pat Pagano with the Ann Baiada Award for Excellence in Clinical Leadership. The award was presented at Bayada's annual Awards Weekend on June 6, 2009. The event took place at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center on the Potomac in Maryland. Pagano is the second person to receive the award and she was selected from over 550 office clinicians.

"Pat is the kind of person that makes the members of her team want to do more, give more, and feel more," Director Lisa Soll said. "She shows us that all things are possible when we work together."

Pagano is a clinical manager in both Willow Grove and Lower Bucks County Bayada offices. She began working at Bayada Nurses 13 years ago, bringing a client she had been caring for at home privately. She is a clinical educator and trains nurses in tracheostomy and ventilator care.

"This is a true honor, and I am proud of Pat's accomplishment in my name," Bayada's Director Ann Baiada said after surprising Pagano with the national award. Twenty-two other clinical leaders had been nominated and around 1,150 fellow employees attended the ceremony. Once announced as the winner, Pagano discovered her family was also present to see her accept her award.

"[Mark and Ann Baiada] have captured exactly what it is that brings you back to nursing—what we all aspire to. I feel a great responsibility from this honor," Pagano said.

The Ann Baiada Award for Excellence in Clinical Leadership was established in 2006 in honor of Ann Baiada's contributions to Bayada Nurses and her commitment to excellence, specifically in the area of clinical leadership development.

Founded in 1975, Bayada Nurses provides nursing, rehabilitative, therapeutic, and personal home health care services to children, adults, and seniors in the comfort of their own homes. Over 12,000 nurses, home health aides, and therapists work from more than 140 offices in 18 states and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit www.bayada.com.