Celebrating the best and brightest in home care and recognizing the ideas and innovations that are pushing the industry forward.

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Once again, the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts is planning a special afternoon to honor and showcase the best people and programs in our industry today. This celebration of innovation and excellence will take place on April 29th at the historic John F. Kennedy Library. Invitations to attend will be sent to a broad health care audience.

This event offers member agencies two opportunities to shine:

1. Nominate a program, product, or operational change that has either a) enhanced the well-being of patients, clients, or the community, b) driven efficiency in operations or the health care system, or c) enhanced the productivity or satisfaction of agency staff.

2. Nominate an employee or homecare supporter for a STAR Award. These awards celebrate the exceptional accomplishments of the everyday heroes in our midst who make incredible differences in the lives of their patients/clients and their families. Though there are too few opportunities to recognize all who deserve one, a STAR award brings with it some well-deserved recognition for both the agency and the individual.

Nominations may be made by Alliance agencies, their patients, or their partner organizations.

Nominations for the Innovation Showcase and the STAR Awards are due by March 7

Final selections will be made by the Alliance’s Membership & Awards Ceremony Committee. Each winner will be invited to attend the ceremony as guest of the Alliance, along with the person who nominated him/her, as well as three additional guests.

Please join us in this opportunity to celebrate and honor our industry innovators and our “STARs.”
INNOVATION SHOWCASE NOMINATION CATEGORIES

There are many kinds of innovations that deserve recognition: a new service line, a way to improve communication with physicians, families, or hospital discharge planners, a unique partnership with another organization within the community, a system to streamline documentation, a program to improve staff satisfaction or reduce staff turnover, a new payment arrangement with a third-party payer, an organizational re-structuring to increase operational efficiency, an application of new technology to improve care… Share your successes in one of the following categories:

- Outstanding Patient Care and Services
- Leadership in Cross-Continuum Collaboration
- Other Innovation (Community Outreach, Operations, Staff Development, etc.)

STAR AWARD CATEGORIES

Clinician of the Year: Awarded to a nurse or therapist who has consistently demonstrated: 1. An exceptional degree of clinical excellence in use of his/her skills; 2. A commitment to individual professional growth; 3. Special contributions to the agency and team colleagues; 4. A special degree of caring and commitment to patients; and 5. Longevity in the home care profession.

Aide of the Year: Awarded to a home care aide who has demonstrated: 1. An exceptional degree of excellence in use of his/her skills; 2. A commitment to individual professional growth; 3. Special contributions to the agency and team colleagues; 4. A special degree of caring and commitment to patients; and 5. Longevity in the home care profession.

Manager of the Year: Awarded to a clinical or administrative manager (not CEO level) who has demonstrated: 1. Strong managerial skills in the supervision and mentoring of staff; 2. Leadership in setting and achieving goals for the agency; 3. A commitment to representing the agency or industry in the community; 4. Contributions to improving the delivery of care or the ability of staff to deliver care; and 5. Longevity in the home care profession.

Legislator of the Year: Awarded to an individual who serves in the MA state legislature or represents MA in the US Congress and who has demonstrated: 1. Consistent leadership on legislative initiatives that advance and support the home health care industry; 2. Active involvement with constituent agencies.

Physician of the Year: Awarded to a physician or nurse practitioner who has demonstrated: 1. Active involvement in the home health field; 2. Outspoken support for health care delivered in the home; 3. Longevity in the home health profession.

Home Care Champion: Awarded to an individual(s) or organization who has advanced the image or cause of home care in Massachusetts, demonstrated industry leadership through innovation and vision, made outstanding contributions as a Board leader of an agency, or been an effective grassroots advocate for home care at a local, state-wide, or national level.
ABOUT THE HOME CARE ALLIANCE

The Home Care Alliance is a statewide association dedicated to promoting homecare as an integral part of the health care delivery system. Founded in 1969, and now with more than 200 provider members, as well as allied individuals, the Alliance remains the definitive voice for home care in Massachusetts.

The Alliance builds public awareness of home care, helping citizens of the Commonwealth understand the scope of services and how to make wise health choices.

The Alliance monitors issues that affect the industry and fosters ongoing communication with state and federal legislators and other policy makers to ensure that legislative and regulatory oversight of home care is developed with industry input.

The Alliance facilitates quality home care services through the Private Care Accreditation Standards, by fostering connection and communication between member agencies, and by keeping them informed of regulatory and market forces that impact them and the clients they serve.

Through educational workshops and other events, the Alliance’s subsidiary, the Foundation for Home Health, supports its members in their efforts to continually improve their clinical excellence and to function effectively in an ever changing, complex marketplace.
2014 INNOVATIONS SHOWCASE & STAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Agency Name: ________________________________________________________________

Innovation Showcase Categories:

_____ Outstanding Patient Care & Services   _____ Leadership in Cross-Continuum Collaboration
_____ Other Innovation (Community Outreach, Operations, Staff Development, etc.).

Title of Innovation: ____________________________________________________________

Description of Innovation:
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On additional pages, submit documents supporting your Innovation nomination up to a maximum of four pages.

Star Award Categories:

_____ Clinician of the Year   _____ Manager of the Year   _____ Aide of the Year
_____ Physician of the Year   _____ Home Care Champion   _____ Legislator of the Year

Name & Title of Nominee: ______________________________________________________

On additional pages, please explain why this individual should receive this award. See the award categories page for review criteria. Additional pages or documents supporting your nomination are encouraged, up to a maximum of four pages.

Submitted By:

Name: ________________________________  Title __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________  Telephone: (_____)_________________

Signature of CEO: __________________________  Date: _________________________

Please Email, Mail or Fax this form back by March 7, 2014 to:

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PREVIOUS STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR

2013  Patricia Darling, VNA of Boston
2011  Shirley Lucier, VNA Care Network & Hospice
2010  Kimberly Halloran, VNA of Greater Lowell
2009  Wendy Tryon, Lee Regional VNA
2008  Peggy Goode, MetroWest Home Care & Hospice
2007  Lisa Angeloni, VNA Care Network & Hospice
2006  Kathleen Olson, Home Health VNA
2005  Marcia Spraker-Cavallo, Partners Home Care
2004  Elizabeth Savaria-Porter, Caritas Home Care
2003  Sharon Oliveira, VNA of Southeastern MA
2002  Dorothy Campbell, Chicopee VNA
2000  Beverly Quintin, Community Nurse
1999  Nancy Komor, Newton-Wellesley Home Health Svcs
1998  Laura Fantini, VNA of Boston
1997  Jean Edmiston, NeWell Home Health Services
1996  Maureen O'Keefe, greater Medford VNA
1995  Nancy Broderick, VNA & Hospice of Pioneer Valley
1994  Alice Hadley, VNA of Northern Berkshire
1993  Maureen O'Keefe, greater Medford VNA
1992  Barbara Lawless, Walpole Area VNA
1991  Leona Mattson, Brockton VNA
1990  Kimberley DuBois, VNA of Southern Worcester County
1989  Diana Macaulay, Leominster

AIDE OF THE YEAR

2013  Ginger Shugrue, Home Instead Senior Care of Pittsfield
2011  Kim Lilley, Auburn VNA Health Network
2010  Patricia Gagnon, Medical Resources Home Health Corp.
2009  Tama Lewis, Visiting Angels of Newton & Canton
2008  Betty Mensah, U Mass Memorial Home Health & Hospice
2007  Annette Huckins, Home Health VNA
2006  Jackie Dewing, ABC Home & Healthcare Professionals
2005  Fred Maguire, Partners Home Care
2004  Nancy Kwagala, HouseWorks
2003  Camille Soucy, VNA Care Network
2002  Stephen LaBrie, All Care VNA
2001  Daphne Calkins, Spectrum Home Health Care

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

2013  Barbara Brooks, VNA Care Network & Hospice
2011  Susan Sullivan, Community Nurse & Hospice Care
2010  Kathleen Quirk, CareGroup Home Care
2009  Tammie Ryan, South Shore VNA
2008  Kathy Baker, VNA of Greater Lowell
2007  Leslie Bresnaham, Home Health VNA
2006  Rita Roche, Home Health VNA
2005  Annemarie Martin, VNA of Boston
2004  Gina Mazza, VNA & Hospice of Cooley Dickinson
2003  Karen Agagianian, VNA of Middlesex-East/ Visiting Nurse Hospice
2002  Nancy Robinson, Home Health VNA
2001  Stephanie Mello-Gaskell, VNA of Southeastern MA
2000  Irene Sommers, VNA of Greater Lowell
1999  Joanne Whittington, VNA of Southeastern MA
1998  Judi Boyko, Natick VNA
1997  Joan Squaw, VNA of New Bedford
1996  Frances Moran, VNA & Hospice of Pioneer Valley
1995  Monica Alley, REW Home Health Care Agency
1994  Joyce Giberti, VNA of Central & Outer Cape Cod
1993  Barbara Lawless, Walpole Area VNA
1992  Eileen McCook, VNA of Southeastern MA
1990  Marie McKenty, Health and Home Care

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

2013  Representative Kate Hogan
2011  Barbara Pearl, Community Nurse & Hospice Care
2010  Patricia M. Kelleher, Home Care Alliance of MA
2009  Mary Ann Preskul-Ricca, MA Association of Health Plans
2008  R. Carter White, Richmond
2007  Myra Herrick, VNA Care Network
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2005  Robert Simione, Simione Consultants, LLC
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PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

2013  James Everett, Hospice of the South Shore
2011  Barbara Pearl, Community Nurse & Hospice Care
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HOME CARE CHAMPION

2013  Val Halamanadaris, National Assoc. for Home Care & Hospice
2011  Terrence O’Malley, Partners Healthcare At Home
2010  Joan Stylges Hull, Home Health VNA
2009  Robert Dywer, Norwell VNA
2008  Patricia M. Kelleher, Home Care Alliance of MA
2007  Mary Ann Preskul-Ricca, MA Association of Health Plans
2006  B. Carter White, Richmond
2005  Robert Simione, Simione Consultants, LLC
2004  Rosemary Ryan, VNA Care Hospice
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2002  Tom Zuppa, Dave Perry, & Cheryl Miller, The Lowell Sun
2001  Myra Herrick, VNA Care Network
2000  Christine Griffin, Disability Law Center
1999  Alison Cohen, Mariner Publications
1998  Suzin Bartley, Children’s Trust Fund
1997  Jerrilyn Riccardone, VNA of Southeastern MA
1996  Ruth E. Hurley, VNA of Southeastern MA
1995  Kenneth Abrahams, A&P Waldbaum’s Foodmart
1994  Jerrilyn Riccardone, VNA of Southeastern MA
1993  Alderman John Flynn, Chicopee
1992  Sue Welpont, Brookline Council on Aging
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