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Chapters Health System Director Wins FHPCA Award of Excellence

Violet Argo Wins Hospice Heart Award for Contributions as Clinical Education Director

TAMPA, FL (**August 4, 2022**) – The <u>Florida Hospice and Palliative Care Association</u> awarded Violet Argo, director of nurse standards for Chapters Health System, the <u>Hospice Heart Award</u> as part of their annual <u>Awards of Excellence</u>. Violet earned the award through her contributions as Director of Clinical Education for <u>Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care</u>, which officially announced its affiliation with Chapters Health System in December of 2021.

The Hospice Heart Award recognizes an individual or team who, through their daily outlook and teamwork encapsulates the "heart of hospice." They may not work at the bedside with patients, but their work everyday points to compassion, integrity, and the primary care for the family during their time of need. Whether piloting a new program, streamlining a process, or discovering a better way to provide a service, the recipient of this award advances the mission of hospice and provides a path for others to follow.



Violet Argo, director of nursing standards for Chapters Health System

"It's truly an honor to be recognized by individuals who share my passion for such a meaningful mission," said Argo. "I'm grateful to them, my team, family and everyone who has supported me. It's been a privilege to help our teams bring quality care to the patients and families of Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care and I appreciate the opportunity to continue that work with Chapters Health and all our affiliates."

Violet is an experienced and dedicated hospice nurse with roots in oncology and home health. She started her hospice career at Good Shepherd Hospice as a case manager and took on other roles such as clinical manager, clinical team leader, patient care manager and senior nurse preceptor. In 2011, Violet became the admissions director and subsequently an executive director at Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care. Chapters Health System officially announced Violet as the Director of Nursing standards in May of 2022.

"Each year, we have the distinct honor to present FHPCA awards to the individuals and the teams that represent the very best in the Hospice & Palliative

Care profession in Florida," said FHPCA President & CEO, Paul Ledford. "With almost 60 nominations this year, award-winners like Violet are true stand-outs in the field and are well-deserving of the recognition for their efforts."

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About Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care

Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care, a not-for-profit, community organization since 1984, provides comfort and care to families experiencing life-limiting illnesses. Nearly 7,000 people in Hardee, Highlands, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Sumter counties in Florida and Cherokee, Cobb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties in Georgia benefit from Cornerstone programs each year. Enhanced patient and family care is made possible through the generous support of individuals and groups. For more information, visit www.cornerstonehospice.org.

About Chapters Health System

As a progressive leader and premier health system, Chapters Health System is dedicated to delivering innovative home health, palliative, and hospice care along with durable medical equipment and pharmacy services. Since 1983 as a community-based, not-for-profit organization, Chapters Health has provided choices, education, and guidance through its managed affiliates. All offerings are provided to improve the patient/family experience well in advance of end-of-life needs. In 2021, Chapters Health was named a Top Workplace by the *Tampa Bay Times* and certified for the fourth consecutive year as a great workplace in the Aging Services category by the independent analysts at the Great Place to Work® Institute. To learn more, visit www.chaptershealth.org, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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