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No Shortage of Heroes at Bayada Nurses

May 12, 2005 – Moorestown, NJ -- Bayada Nurses, a national home health care company, is honoring Joan Church, Katherine Cashier and Sallie Lipps as “National Heroes.” They were chosen from a pool of over 10,000 candidates for this honor and are being recognized as part of Bayada Nurses’ *Heroes on the Home Front Program* for their outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in serving their clients.

Joan Church, a Registered Nurse (RN) with Bayada Nurses for over eight years, is being recognized for her care of a ten-year-old boy with dwarfism. Her positive attitude and determination impressed her client’s family to describe her as his “scribe, advocate, teaching assistant and trusted friend with whom he has flourished.” “Joan gains great joy from seeing him experience new things and accomplish goals set before him”, says the boy’s mother, “and she always finds ways for him to participate in whatever may come along.” Church, who has not missed a shift, is a single grandmother raising two teenage boys on her own while also serving as Youth Leader for her church.

Katherine Cashier has been with Bayada Nurses as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for over three years. Cashier’s client, who no longer has muscle movement due to muscular dystrophy, received a magazine rack, specially made by Cashier, to hold his magazines and books. “Katherine goes out of her way to ensure that her client lives as comfortably, independently and dignified as possible, despite his disability”, says Elizabeth Smiley, nursing supervisor. “After she left her shift one evening and was on her way home, it started raining”, says the client. “She knew I was on transportation to a nearby store at the time and when I got there, I was greeted by Katherine with an umbrella and a raincoat”, he continues. “She has proven to be an exceptional nurse with incredible dedication, kindness and professionalism”.

Sallie Lipps has been providing care as a Home Health Aide (HHA) for eleven years. Her keen clinical judgment has saved many lives and she has proven to be effective with the most demanding personalities and the most fragile medical conditions. A senior client’s daughter says, “Sallie is a remarkable caregiver; extraordinarily skilled, attentive and compassionate with a unique understanding of my father’s health and emotional needs.” She adds, “She’s our jewel.” Lipps has remained extremely dedicated, conscientious and committed to her client while also caring for her own mother who is suffering from a long-term illness.

Founded in 1975 by J. Mark Baiada, Bayada Nurses is an independently-owned home health care agency that employs more than 10,000 RNs, LPNs, home health aides, social workers and therapists working from more than 100 offices in 14 states.

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