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**Bayada Nurses Awards Scholarships to 139 Employees**

August 1, 2005 – Moorestown, NJ – Bayada Nurses granted scholarships to 139 employees to assist with continuing education expenses for 2005. The financial assistance—part of the annual Bayada Nurses Employee Scholarship Fund—was designed to encourage the educational growth and development of nurses and home health aides. The scholarships will aid award recipients with tuition and book expenses.

"We continue to be excited by the positive response to this program," said Mark Baiada, president and founder of Bayada Nurses. "We are thrilled to be able to help further the educational goals of our employees. In addition, because the majority of recipients are using their scholarships to further their nursing and health care education, we believe this is an important contribution toward alleviating the current nursing shortage."

The Bayada Nurses Employee Scholarship Fund was established in 2001. The program is open to all Bayada Nurses employees who have worked for the company for at least six months and awards in excess of \$50,000 of scholarship funds each year. Interested employees must submit an application, a written essay, and two letters of recommendation.

"It's been a really positive thing for the many employees who have been able to benefit from the scholarship fund", says Marty Soroka, division director and member of the scholarship selection committee. "It's wonderful to read through the heartwarming essays and know that we can give back to our employees who give so much of themselves to our clients."

Some employees have been awarded financial assistance from the scholarship fund several consecutive years. Laura Giffen, a Registered Nurse, has been a recipient for the past four years in a row.

"It's a pleasure to work for an organization that recognizes and appreciates the work that we do as health professionals and encourages its staff to continue their education", says Giffen.

Founded in 1975, Bayada Nurses is an independently-owned home health care agency that provides skilled, rehabilitative and personal care services to children, adults and seniors in the comfort of their own homes. Bayada Nurses employs over 10,000 nurses, home health aides, and therapists working from more than 130 offices in 15 states.

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