



49th ANNUAL HOME CARE AIDE CELEBRATION
Thursday, November 14, 2019
The Lantana, 43 Scanlan Drive, MA 02368

SUMMARIES OF AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

Effie Chalmers Waddell Homemaker/Personal Care Homemaker Award

Our Homemaker/Personal Care Homemaker Award is given in memory of Effie Chalmers Waddell, a pioneer in homemaker service from Quincy. The recipient exemplifies the outstanding dedication and exceptional skills brought to the delivery of home care by so many competent home care aides across the Commonwealth.

Hilda LaRocca Home Health Aide Award

Our Home Health Aide Award is given in honor of Hilda LaRocca, the motivating force behind the Council's creation. Recipients exemplify the combination of commitment, personal care skills, and compassion typical of Massachusetts home health aides.

Verlean Foster Home Care Aide Award

This award is presented in memory of Verlean Foster, a home care aide with over 20 years of experience, who in 1999 served as one of the first aides assigned to work in one of the three original "Supportive Housing Initiative" pilot sites. Nominations are accepted from staff of the Aging Service Access Points (ASAPs). The recipient represents dedicated home care aides who serve as a leader and role model to their peers.

Selma Cohen "Rookie of the Year" Home Care Aide Award

In honor of the Council's 50th Anniversary, a new award was introduced to be given in memory of Selma Cohen who was a longstanding President of the Council. This award is presented to an individual who is new to the home care industry, working as a home care aide for less than 2 years.

Carlene McGoldrick Kenney Scheduler/Coordinator Award

Our Scheduler/Coordinator award is given in memory of Carlene McGoldrick Kenney, Assistant Director of Intercity Homemaker Service and President-Elect of the Council in 1996, the year she died in a hiking accident. The recipient represents the qualities exemplified by Carlene: consideration for the client as well as effective communication and problem-solving skills.

Cathe Madden Case Manager Award

This award for ASAP Case Managers is given in memory of Cathe Madden who demonstrated extraordinary enthusiasm, innovation, and commitment to her job.

James Carroll Ally Award

This award is in honor of James (Jim) Carroll, the nephew of long-time Council Board member, Patricia Probst. Jim, who passed away unexpectedly, assisted the Council in organizing and hosting the Annual Celebration for over six years, serving as the photographer and jack-of-all trades on the day of the event. After graduating from college, Jim pursued his dream and became a flight attendant. However, he would arrange his schedule so he could fly in and participate in our event every year. Jim had a heart of gold and always jumped at the chance to help and serve. In his memory, the James Carroll Ally Award will be given to an individual or organization that exemplifies Jim's commitment to assisting the Council and our mission; contributing to the advancement of the home care aide workforce.