

THE WILLIAM AND FRANCES DREHER

CARING TOUCH AWARD



The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, is proud to announce the 2nd Annual William and Frances Dreher *Caring Touch Awards*, designed to recognize outstanding performance in dementia patient care. We invite nominations from these twelve counties - Allegheny, Armstrong, Bedford, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland. The William and Frances Dreher *Caring Touch Awards* are reserved for "the best of the best" and offer you an excellent way to salute a deserving caregiver and recognize employee accomplishments.

An independent panel of individuals with a connection to Alzheimer's disease and dementia caregiving will review the nominations in a blind judging – no names will be revealed until after selection of eight finalists and one winner. All eight of the finalists will be invited as our guests to the "Celebration of Caring" educational breakfast on May 4, 2004, where each finalist will be introduced and will receive \$100 and a Caring Touch certificate. The winner, selected from among the finalists, will be presented with a commemorative plaque and a \$500 award.

Inside is an entry form for you to nominate a member of your caregiving staff for The William and Frances Dreher *Caring Touch Award*. We hope that you will submit a nomination or pass this along to a colleague who may be interested in our awards program.

Please join in our efforts to recognize the true heroes of dementia care!

Diane Balcom, *Regional Director*
Greater Pennsylvania Chapter
Alzheimer's Association



GENERAL INFORMATION

the caring touch

This spring marks the second time that the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, will be presenting The William and Frances Dreher *Caring Touch Awards* to recognize excellence in dementia patient care. The nominations are open to attendants, aides, nursing assistants, and CNAs who care for men and women with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Each of the eight finalists will receive a certificate and a \$100 award. The winner, selected from among the eight finalists, will be presented with a \$500 award and commemorative plaque.

The caregiver's current supervisor, program director or facility administrator may place a name in nomination. The nominee must 1) be a CNA, nursing assistant, aide or attendant who cares for the dementia patient; 2) be an employee of a long-term care facility, adult day center or home health care program in these twelve counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Bedford, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland; and 3) have been employed by his/her employer for a minimum of one year.

All nominations must be received by April 5, 2004. Eight finalists for The William and Frances Dreher *Caring Touch Award* will be notified within two weeks and invited to attend the "Celebration of Caring" breakfast on May 4, 2004, at the IBEW Conference Center on Pittsburgh's South Side, where winners will be announced.

Only one nominee per facility may be submitted. Facilities with multiple levels of care may submit one nominee per program. Past finalists of the Caring Touch Award are not eligible. Mail your nomination to:

Caring Touch Award
Alzheimer's Association
100 West Station Square Drive
The Landmarks Building, Suite 500
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

You can also fax your nomination to 412-471-2722. Nomination forms cannot be returned. Please do not submit photos. If you need more information, contact Kate Deger at 412-261-5040 x 104.

NOMINATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY.

Organization Name _____

Organization Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Your Name _____ Job Title _____

Signature _____

Nominee's Name _____

ONLY THE INFORMATION BELOW WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JUDGES

Nominee's Job Title _____

Years with Employer _____ Years as Caregiver _____

CARING TRAITS - Indicate the three most outstanding traits this nominee brings to his/her work with patients. If you choose "Other," please list the trait(s) on the following lines.

- Humor
- Kindness
- Patience
- Flexibility
- Compassion
- Other

ATTITUDE AND WORK HABITS - Indicate how frequently this nominee exhibits these behaviors using the following scale:
5: Always 4: Often 3: Sometimes 2: Seldom 1: Never

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| ___ Up to date on inservice requirements | ___ Is successful in helping patients with ADL care |
| ___ Shows a willingness to learn | ___ Appropriately assists the dependent diner |
| ___ Practices to improve skills | ___ Provides for patients' safety |
| ___ Dependable (good attendance) | ___ Appropriately utilizes therapeutic touch |
| ___ Responds promptly to patients' special needs or requests | ___ Helps patients to maximize their functional abilities with appropriate activities |

Describe your reasons for nominating this person as being the most "caring" caregiver on your staff. Specifically, what makes him/her special? Please detail at least two specific examples of patient interaction which led to your nomination. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Deadline for entries is April 5, 2004.

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