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Staff Recognized During “Caregiver Week” with Samuel G. Lucarelli Award

CLEVELAND, Ohio (May 12, 2017) – Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio celebrated “Caregiver Week” May 6-12 to honor nurses, social workers and administrative support staff for their dedication and care for VNA patients. Four VNA of Ohio employees also received the Samuel G. Lucarelli Award. The Award was created in 2015 to recognize outstanding employees who embody the organization’s passionate and patient-focused mission. Employees are nominated by supervisors who believe the individual represents the four traits for consideration: growth, innovation, quality and engagement.

The 2017 spring winners include:

Chuck Balausky

Angela Golic

Bobbi Messner

Anne Simmons

Chuck Balausky is the network administrator for IT at VNA of Ohio. He works closely with all departments and exhibits exceptional service not only to VNA employees but to other outside vendors, executives and many others that he works with on a day-to-day basis. Beyond exceptional service, Chuck is a leader who has the ability to envision a bigger picture.

Angela Golic is a highly-rated physical therapist at VNA. She communicates promptly with her patients and with PTAs she supervises to ensure high-quality patient care. As a leader, she is a strong patient advocate and contributes greatly to the success of the interdisciplinary team.

Bobbi Messner is an RN who works out of VNA’s Mansfield office. Bobbi goes above and beyond to make sure patient care comes first – driving out of her way, rescheduling patients based on what works best for them, keeping patients top of mind.

Anne Simmons has been with VNA for over 17 years. In recent years, she joined the Clinical Development staff where she assists with orientation of new staff, clinical and documentation education for all clinicians, CEU development and presentation and CPR recertification. Anne gets the “big picture” and is an amazing supporter, teacher and advocate for home health care. She is always positive and forward-thinking.

About Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio

VNA of Ohio is a non-profit, community-based healthcare organization that has been helping patients for more than 100 years. The organization works with hospitals, doctors, community agencies and



companies to provide services for patients in their homes. Services include skilled nursing care, mental healthcare, social work services, rehabilitation therapies, hospice and personal care assistance.

VNA of Ohio provides high-quality, comprehensive home health and hospice care to promote health, independence and dignity to those living in our communities. Learn more at vnaohio.org.

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