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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Bayada Nurses Director Receives Prestigious Award** Ann Baiada Honored as 2009 Citizen of the Year

Jan. 1, 2009 – Moorestown, New Jersey – Ann Claffey Baiada, RN, CRRN, director for Bayada Nurses, will be awarded the 2009 Moorestown Citizen of the Year by Moorestown Service Club Council on Wed., Feb. 4, 2009. Mrs. Baiada will be recognized at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Moorestown Citizen of the Year award dinner at The Merion in Cinnaminson, NJ for her devoted service to the community. Net proceeds from the award dinner are used to support local non-profit organizations.

The Citizen of the Year Award recognizes a Moorestown resident whose volunteer service brings the community and citizens closer together. Mrs. Baiada has made it her business to support non-profit organizations by bringing people together to support good causes, with her own strong commitment leading and inspiring success in each endeavor.

Mrs. Baiada gives her time and support to many local organizations, including:

- Mercy Vocational High School in Philadelphia, PA
- Neumann College in Aston, PA
- Immaculate Conception Church in Philadelphia
- Heart of Camden, a community-based organization developed to restore dignity and quality of life to the residents of Camden, NJ.
- Sacred Heart High School and Church in Camden
- Moorestown Community House
- Lend a Hand Committee, Moorestown Rotary Club

Mrs. Baiada's compassion, generosity, and personal sense of responsibility have been recognized through various honors, including:

- The Work of Mercy Award from the Sisters of Mercy in Philadelphia
- The Cardinal Dougherty High School Hall of Fame
- An honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa by Neumann College
- The Burlington County Light of Hope Award by Catholic Charities in the Trenton Diocese
- The Diva in Nursing Award by the New Jersey Institute for Nursing
- The Ann Baiada Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership
- The Howard Fiala Service Above Self Award by Moorestown Rotary Club
- A Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II for helping to care for a very sick orphaned child with Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



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Mrs. Baiada earned her certification in rehabilitation nursing from the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses and her RN degree from Abington Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Of all her achievements, Mrs. Baiada considers her five children and two grandchildren to be her most rewarding success. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Moorestown, NJ.

For more information about Mrs. Baiada, please call 856-273-4600. For tickets to the award dinner, please call Karen Milligan at 856-234-0011.

*Founded in 1975 by J. Mark Baiada, Bayada Nurses is an independently owned home health care agency that provides skilled, rehabilitative, therapeutic, and personal care services to children, adults, and seniors at home. Bayada Nurses employs over 12,000 nurses, home health aides, and therapists working from more than 140 offices in 18 states. For more information on Bayada Nurses, visit [www.bayada.com](http://www.bayada.com).*

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