

Recognition Awards

To inspire employees and reward those who go above and beyond in different areas of client care, BAYADA regularly presents special recognition awards. Candidates are nominated by their peers.

The Ann Baiada Award for Clinical Excellence

An inspiring leader and a true nurse's nurse, Ann Baiada, RN, CRRN, has made countless contributions to BAYADA since she started in 1989. One of her crowning achievements is the BAYADAbility program, established in 1998. This unique, enhanced rehabilitation nursing care program has helped set the company apart.

"Ann is a personal hero of mine," says Marie Blessington, RN, Director of Clinical Leadership Development at the Clinical Standards and Quality office in Moorestown, New Jersey. To continue Ann's legacy of empowering, inspiring, and supporting others, Marie initiated The Ann Baiada Award for Clinical Excellence in 2006, with Ann as its first recipient. A committee chooses an outstanding clinical leader each year and bestows the honor at Awards Weekend.

The Linda Siessel Award for Excellence in Client Services Leadership

To honor Linda Siessel's outstanding contributions to BAYADA client services, the company created an award in her honor. "I received a surprise of a lifetime, the first award for Client Services Leadership," says Linda, Home Care Chief Operating Officer. "To have it named after me was unbelievable. I was deeply humbled to be acknowledged



TOP TO BOTTOM: Ann and Susan Ecker Sterner receiving the Ann Baiada Award in 2008.

Linda and Tara Robinson receiving the Linda Siessel Award in 2012.

Pat Mallee's inspiration lives on.

in this way. The best part is now being able to present this award to fellow colleagues, and to see them shine and be celebrated by their families, friends, and co-workers." A committee chooses an outstanding Client Services leader each year and bestows the honor at Awards Weekend.

The subsequent recipient, Anna Anderson, spent the first 10 years of her career working for Linda, whom she deeply admires. "There are no words to describe what it was really like, being on stage with 3,000 people in the audience watching me receive it," says Anna, who is Client Services Manager in the assistive care office in Morristown, New Jersey. "The energy and excitement was high. It was the proudest moment of my whole life."

The Pat Mallee Award for Compassionate Leadership

Known as an "enormously compassionate" and "amazing" nurse, leader, friend, and champion, Pat Mallee, Regional Director of the Shamrock Group (Skilled Visit Services), passed away in 2011 after a battle with cancer. In her years at BAYADA, she gained widespread respect for her clinical knowledge, positive spirit, and professionalism.

"There was no person who was more committed to the growth and success of Medicare-certified home health services at BAYADA than Pat," says David Baiada, Chief Operating Officer, Home Health, Hospice, and Quality. "She brought expertise, energy, conviction, and passion. Pat's vision, unwavering positive spirit, and commitment to *The BAYADA Way* are an inspiration to all who knew her." To honor role models like Pat, the company established the annual Pat Mallee Award for Compassionate Leadership.