

## Supporting each other

*The BAYADA Way* is not just a guiding force at work. It's often the inspiration for how employees live, both in happy times and sadder ones.

Bethany Preston, a Nurse Clinical Manager who had been battling cervical cancer, learned in January 2013 that her condition was terminal. Upon hearing this news, Mark and Ann Baiada made a special trip to visit Bethany at her home in Shelby, North Carolina.

Not knowing they were coming, Bethany was shocked to see them.



"I can't believe Mark Baiada is in my bedroom!" she exclaimed, brightening the mood far beyond expectations. Bethany's older children were in on the secret but hadn't given it away. Several of Bethany's colleagues were on hand, including Joe Seidel, who organized the logistics, and Melinda Phillips, then a Regional Director. Bethany was presented with a plaque of appreciation and a bouquet of flowers. Marie Blessington's office and division further honored Bethany with a very moving Ann Baiada Award nomination.

The visit's intent was to follow *The BAYADA Way* by "showing love" in a tangible way. Bethany felt loved and appreciated. She commented that the support she and her family received from BAYADA throughout her illness taught her much about life and how to treat others.

Bethany passed away four months later. Her radiance and courage live on in the memories of her husband John, their children Brayden (age 12), Trevor (age 10), and Kadence (age 3), and her BAYADA coworkers and clients. 🌸

**BELOW LEFT:** Bethany and her children.

**BELOW:** BAYADA colleagues on the visit to Bethany's home. Back row: Clinical Manager Bethany Preston, Division Director Joe Seidel, Mark, CSM Mark Bowling, and Ann. Front row: Clinical Manager Marsha Armstrong, ASPIRE Nurse Anna-Lena Stone, and CSM Jack Hight.

