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Distinguished Educator of 2016 Awarded to Infinity HomeCare's Pam Polowski, CDP by National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners

Pamela Polowski, Certified Dementia Practitioner® Recognized

SARASOTA, FL. Apr 11, 2016 – National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners® LLC (NCCDP) honored Pamela Polowski of Florida-based Infinity HomeCare, a member of the Amedisys family, with the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award for 2016. This award is granted to educators for their achievement, hard work and significant contributions to dementia education for health care professionals, patients, family and community.

NCCDP received several hundred nomination letters for educators from around the country working in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care, hospitals, home care agencies, hospice agencies, government agencies, associations and learning institutions. Pam was nominated by her peers who provided accolades and examples of Pam's passion for teaching and helping people touched by dementia.

Pam is a NCCDP Dementia Practitioner and Certified Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia Care Trainer. She also holds a license as an Assisted Living Administrator. She continues to utilize her certification as a Dementia Practitioner from USF to teach Level I and Level II Alzheimer's training in ALF's and Home Care Agencies. Pam is also a facilitator for the Virtual Dementia Tour®. Pam has relationships with assisted living facilities, physicians, and friendship centers and educates staff members about the disease process along with the personal effects of dementia.

"As a former caregiver, I understand the confusion of navigating medical issues, resources, education and support aspects of a disease that no one wants to talk about. In my role with Infinity HomeCare, I have the pleasure to interact with families to educate them about the disease process and support them on this journey. Joining their journey is an honor and allows me to pay it forward for my Mom and Gram."

Pam was the driving force in the implementation of Infinity's Cognitive Health Patient Empowerment Program. With her experience and interactions in the field of home health care, Pam recognized the need for a dedicated program that would empower clinicians along with patients and caregivers. She led an educational program for clinicians and loved ones to experience a glimpse into the life of someone afflicted with dementia. By conducting Virtual Dementia Tours®, Pam could help clinicians "feel" what patients experience and help make training even more impactful.

It is evident that the role of Certified Dementia Practitioner® and Alzheimer's Trainer is not just a job for Pam Polowski, it is a calling and a way of life.

About Infinity HomeCare

Every day, at home and where they live, Infinity HomeCare empowers people for a better quality of life through healthcare outcomes. From ensuring medication compliance to educating individuals on their personal care plans to helping manage chronic conditions and achieving personalized goals, Infinity delivers clinical excellence in every care moment, small and large. Infinity does more than prevent re-hospitalizations – our nurses, therapists, medical social workers, and home health aides help people navigate their unique health needs and achieve the right outcomes. Care America HHC and Angel Watch Home Care, Inc. are part of the Infinity HomeCare family of service providers. The Company was founded in 2006, serves 10 districts, is headquartered in Sarasota, Florida and owned by Amedisys, Inc. For more information, please visit www.infinityhc.com.

About National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners®

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners®, LLC. was formed in 2001 by a group of professionals with varying work and personal experiences in the field of dementia care. The council was formed to promote standards of excellence in dementia and Alzheimer's disease education to professional and other caregivers who provide services to dementia clients.

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