

March 2021

'Recognizing Those Who Care'



## HEROES OF THE MONTH



### Cartersville Center for Nursing and Healing

**Tressa Brown** - Congratulations to **Tressa Brown** for being selected as Cartersville's Hero of the Month. In addition to being a dedicated team member, **Tressa** has not missed one day of work since she was hired. In addition, **Tressa** is also dedicated to our residents who look forward to seeing her. Making the residents laugh comes naturally to her. **Tressa's** dedication to her coworkers is always evident, especially when she has volunteered to work 2 extra nights every weekend to help fill the staffing gaps. She is reliable, does a great job and eternally upbeat, attributes that make her truly special. We are very lucky to have **Tressa** as a team member and she is very deserving of being our Hero of the Month.



### Fulton Center for Rehabilitation

**Vilma Stinson** - Congratulations to **Vilma Stinson**, CNA in our Nursing Department for being selected as Hero of the Month at Fulton Center. Her enthusiasm, hard work and great attitude is evident every day. **Vilma** is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done, going the extra mile as well as going above and beyond the call of duty. She is receptive and willing to learn new things to do her job better.



### Nancy Hart Nursing Center for Nursing and Healing

**Treasure Ardister** - We have chosen **Treasure Ardister** for our Nancy Hart Hero of the Month. **Treasure** has been faithfully serving our residents for 15 year as of March 2021. She is a true **Treasure** to our residents. She is fun, loving and kind to our residents. **Treasure** works hard to keep our residents and their families in touch with one another. She goes above and beyond her duty. **Treasure** clearly puts her whole heart into her work. Thank you **Treasure** for all that you do. You are truly a Nancy Hart HERO. Congratulations!



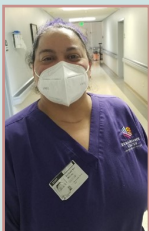
### Powder Springs Center for Nursing and Healing

**Carline Dor** - Congratulations to **Carline Dor** for being our Hero of the Month. **Carline** is a CNA at Powder Springs. She has impeccable conduct in her service with our center. **Carline** is very caring towards all with no exceptions. Everyone she works with says she is excellent, reliable, dependable, dedicated and hardworking. **Carline** is so competent and she exudes HEALING WITH HEART! Her caring ways and smile are a treasure to behold. We are blessed to have her as part of the Powder Springs family!



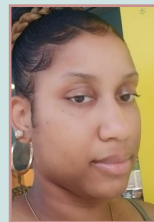
### Renaissance Center for Nursing and Healing

**Rachel McCrary** - **Rachael** has been with Renaissance as a CNA. Ask her what her favorite part of the job is and without hesitation she will say; "The Residents". **Rachel** is a great aide because of the compassion she shows the residents. She takes the time to get to know them and knows about all the little things that make them unique. She knows what they like to wear and what they want to eat. She takes time to straighten their rooms and provide all the little services that matter so much to our residents. **Rachel** has 2 kids and can be found reading or working on home improvement projects when not at work. Our residents and staff love Rachel and there just aren't enough good things to say about her!



### Renaissance Center for Nursing and Healing

**Marqwita Watkins** - **Marqwita**, CNA is one of several standing out CNA's at Renaissance. She is always willing to pitch in with a new project or do whatever needs to be done for the residents. She assists our wound care nurse with rounds and pays special attention to details when caring for residents. **Marqwita** can also be counted on to respectfully let administration know when something is not working on the floor and will work with us to find solutions. She picks up shifts when needed to help her fellow aides and stays calm in stressful situations. **Marqwita** is driven to succeed and is currently not only working as an aide but also attending school to further her education. We appreciate all you do!



### Riverdale Center for Nursing and Healing

**Sherifat Smith** - **Sherifat** is one of our most valued employees here at Riverdale Center for Nursing and Healing. Her dedication and stewardship to our center is amazing. **Sherifat's** daily professionalism is evident and we are truly blessed to have her as part of our family here at Riverdale Center. Congratulations **Sherifat** on being our HERO of the Month.



LOVE THE PEOPLE GOD GAVE YOU BECAUSE HE WILL  
NEED THEM BACK ONE DAY.

## A Little News From ... Sol, Effy and Renee

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our new ***Empire Care Centers Employee Newsletter***.

It's our pleasure to bring you this amazing newsletter that is made specifically with you in mind. We want you to not look at this as just another "memo" from ownership... NO this is a way for YOU to shout out to your co-workers, to brag about your center team, to connect with each other on a whole new level.

***This newsletter is about and for you, the Empire Care Centers Employees.*** We have long known that you, our staff are the backbone of Empire Care Centers. Day in and day out, you come to your facility, provide care to the most deserving of our population and do so with a smile on your face and kindness in your heart. This newsletter is our way of making sure you know that each and every one of you are Valued, Appreciated and Respected by ECC, your facility management team and your coworkers.

The Empire Care Centers Employee Newsletter will come out every month and will, amongst other things, honor a "HERO" of the month at each facility as well as give every staff member the opportunity to reach out and acknowledge the contribution of any other staff member in a positive and public way. "Shout Out" by entering a "Shout Out" on the Newsletter's mobile app and you can even upload a picture if you would like!

The Employee Newsletter gives each of you the opportunity to commend a fellow employee for doing a great job. It gives you the ability to share special events and occasions with the entire staff such as births, weddings, graduations, condolences, etc., if you so choose. We encourage you to take the opportunity to share news, events and good deeds done with each other.

We sincerely hope that you will take a few moments and be part of our Employee Newsletter and "Shout Out" to your fellow employees. Let us "Shout Out" all of you, our staff, by expressing our personal thanks for the fabulous work you do, day in and day out. You all are the BEST. You are the HEROES WITH HEART.

Our ECC Employee Newsletter ~ Caring About What Matters Most. YOU ~

Thank you and let's make our Employee Newsletter the best it can be.

Sol, Effy and Renee'

## A Special Thank You....

### Long Term Care Administrators Week

March 8 - 12

We would like to extend a special Thank You to our Wonderful Administrators who, through their Leadership and Unwavering Commitment to You, the Employees of Empire Care Centers, have created the standard for all other Nursing Centers to strive to achieve.

Joy Powers	~ Cartersville
Michael Ostrozynski	~ Fulton Center
Zubayda Sutton	~ Nancy Hart
Renee Ellis	~ Powder Springs
Rebecca Minter	~ Renaissance
Tracy Brown	~ Riverdale

With our sincere appreciation –  
Sol, Effy, Renee and all the employees of Empire Care Centers.

FYI

### March 5th Employee Appreciation Day

Held on the first Friday in March allowing management to show thanks and reward their workers for their hard work throughout the year. Companies and businesses that promote a positive culture through awarding and recognizing its employees have found that it leads to a happier more productive workplace environment.

FYI

### March 19th Certified Nurses Day

Certified Nurses Day is an annual day of recognition for and by healthcare leaders dedicated to nursing professionalism, excellence, recognition, and service. Every March 19, employers, certification boards, education facilities, and healthcare providers celebrate and publicly acknowledge nurses who earn and maintain the highest credentials in their speciality.

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Renaissance Center for Nursing and Healing

New Faces 1/1 - 2/24



**Miranda Kelley** joins our Nursing Department as a CNA. She has been a CNA for 16 years. **Miranda** was born in Augusta, GA. She is married to Raymond and has 2 daughters. In her spare time **Miranda** enjoys traveling, eating, shopping & reading.

**Miranda Kelley**



**Marlo Bostic** joins our team as an LPN. She has 18 years healthcare experience. **Marlo** was born in Emmanual County, GA. She has 6 grandchildren. In her spare time **Marlo** loves going to thrift shops.

**Marlo Bostic**



**Kelsey Smith** joins our team as a CNA with 9 years experience. **Kelsey** was born in Stockbridge, GA. She is married and has 4 sons and. In her spare time **Kelsey** enjoys Spending time with kids. She is currently attending school for Nursing.

**Kelsey Smith**



**Vanessa Brozas** joins our Therapy Department as an Occupational Therapist. She has 20 years experience. **Vanessa** was born in Jligan City, Philippines. She is married and has 3 daughters. In her spare time **Vanessa** enjoys taking care of plants.

**Vanessa Brozas**



**Dakota Elliott** joins our Nursing Department as a CNA. She has 1 year experience as a CNA . **Dakota** was born in Alabama. In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with friends. Welcome to our facility.

**Dakota Elliott**



**Toya Goodman** joins our team at Renaissance Center for Nursing and Healing as PRN in Laundry. A warm welcome to **Toya** and welcome to our Renaissance Center family.

**Toya Goodman**



**Kelly Colyott** joins our team as a PRN Speech Therapist. She has been a Speech Therapist for 13 years. **Kelly** was born in Jackson, MS. She has 2 daughters. In her spare time Kelly enjoys going to the lake.

**Kelly Colyott**



**Olasumbo Reis** joins our Renaissance Center as an LPN. She has been an LPN for 8 years. She is married to Orayanka and has 2 daughters. In her spare time **Olasumbo** enjoys reading and watching

**Olasumbo Reis**



**Cheryl Rutherford** joins our Renaissance team as an PRN COTA. She has 32 years of experience. **Cheryl** was born in Chattanooga, TN. She has 2 sons and 6 grandchildren. In her spare time **Cheryl** enjoys cooking, dancing, movies, theatre and socializing w/family & friends.

**Cheryl Rutherford**



**Dekiti Sullivan** joins our team as an LPN. She has 3 years experience. **Dekiti** was born in Little Rock, AR. She has 1 son, 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. In her spare time **Dekiti** enjoys relaxing & building things. She is expecting the arrival of another grandchild soon. Congratulations!

**Dekiti Sullivan**



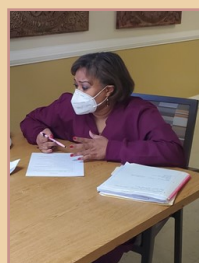
**Kalli Graham** joins our Nursing Department as a CNA. She has 1 year experience. In her spare time **Kalli** enjoys going to the animal auctions. Welcome to our Renaissance Center family!

**Kalli Graham**

EMPLOYEE EVENTS



Happy Activities Week to our awesome Activities Department! Keeping residents engaged and happy in a pandemic is no easy task but **Casey, Meme and Lavista** go above and beyond each day! ~ Rebecca Minter



Renaissance did a food drive to refill the local food bank from the holiday rush. We had a contest to see who could donate the most items. **Trish Robinson** was our big prize winner with the most donated items. Best of all, Renaissance donated 413 items to our community food Bank. Way To Go Trish and Way To Go Renaissance for supporting our local food bank!



Congratulations to **Tim Mortimer** on winning the Renaissance Chili Cook-Off! Lots of fun was had by all that attended and participated. We are already looking forward to our next Cook Off!

RENAISSANCE LEADERS



Shawanda Clarke

**Shawanda** is our Social Services Director. She has been in the social services field for over a decade. She provides many critical services to our residents and is also available when they just need to vent or have a friendly ear to listen. **Shawanda** maintains a positive attitude no matter what the days throw at her. She has good follow-up with families and understands the vast regulatory environment that we operate in. **Shawanda** is always willing to do anything asked from assisting to move residents, make phone calls or take on a new project. **Shawanda** also accepts criticism without difficulty and moves forward when faced with challenges. **Shawanda** has a 13 year old son that she enjoys attending sporting events with and hanging out at home together. She enjoys riding motorcycles in her spare time. We are so glad she is on our team!



Jaqi Holloway

**Jaqi** joined our team in November and has jumped right in. She has assisted in getting our nursing units better organized and streamlining processes so that the nursing team can be more effective. **Jaqi** is an excellent clinician and does everything she can to avoid unnecessary hospitalizations for our residents. She assists with COVID testing and helps train our new nurses. She picks up extra shifts and does whatever is needed of her on any given day. **Jaqi** is married to Scott and has 2 sons who keep her busy when she is not at work. **Jaqi** is also attempting to make her home a farm by collecting every stray chicken and turkey she can find at the auctions. **Jaqi** also enjoys tacos at her favorite Mexican restaurant. She is an asset to our facility and an important part of our team. We appreciate you!

EMPLOYEE SHOUTOUTS

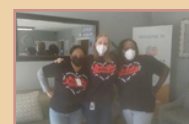
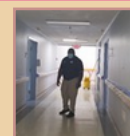
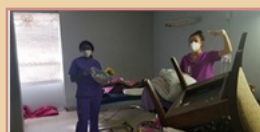
- ★ To the **Entire Renaissance Team** from Monique B - HEY I MISS YOU GUYS...
- ★ To **Nick Hubbard** from Rebecca Minter - Nick is always willing to do whatever needs to be done. He coordinates and does the physical work of many of our room changes and never complains when asked to go pick up supplies or anything else. Keep up the awesome team work!
- ★ To **Sidra & Stephanie** from Casey Ray - Thank ya'll for always asking if I need help getting a resident up for anything. I need you and I truly appreciate ya'll.
- ★ To **Houskeeping** from Casey Ray - Thank ya'll for working so hard helping out with room changes to make it as easy as possible for the residents.
- ★ To **Jaqi** from Casey Ray - Thank you Jaqi for always jumping in whenever and wherever you are needed. You ROCK!
- ★ To **Katrina Sutton** from Rebecca Minter - Katrina ALWAYS keeps a positive attitude and is a GREAT team player! She is always willing to assist with room changes and anything else that comes up. Shows compassion to her residents and is a great nurse! Keep up the great work!
- ★ To **Sidra Brown** from Tenise Bland - Thanks For your outstanding Team Work!!
- ★ To the **Housekeeping Staff** from Rick Fuller - Thanks for stepping in and helping out when needed.
- ★ To **Brittany & Kaitlyn** from Casey Ray - Thank you for helping pack patients belongings during room renovations.
- ★ To **Barbara Henry** from Rebecca Minter - Thank you for picking up extra shifts on 11 to 7 and always having such a positive attitude. Kindness is contagious! Keep up the great work! I appreciate you!
- ★ To **Rick** from Casey Ray - Rick is working double time making sure the rooms are cleaned between renovations. He is so helpful and has a great attitude as well!!
- ★ To **Activity** from Casey Ray - Celebrating Activity Professionals Week!!!
- ★ To the **Renaissance Staff** from Rick Fuller Housekeeping Manager - Shout Out to the Renaissance Staff for the warm Welcome! Thank You All!
- ★ To **Raynette Lockhart** from Rebecca Minter - Excellent TEAMWORK! The floor was short and Raynette took the initiative to go to the other aides and offer her assistance and encouraged everyone to work together to get the residents taken care of and fed. GREAT JOB!
- ★ To **Katrina Sutton** from **Jaimie Trulove** - Thank you for being so responsive to our residents needs! I appreciate all you do!
- ★ To **Labrittany Sheppard** and **Delores Morgan** from Delroy Thomas - Thanks for all your hard work and dedicated patient care.
- ★ To **Jane Reese** from Scott - Thank you for your hard work....
- ★ To **Takelia Norris & Randy Geiger** from Launce Braddock & Delroy Thomas - Thank you all so much for your assistance in helping us get one of our residents out of the bed and into the wheelchair. His Occupational and Physical Therapy sessions are definitely improving along with his ability and overall attitude. Thank you!
- ★ To **Cordelia** from Casey Ray - Shoutout to Cordelia. She is always singing to the residents and putting a smile on their face while giving them care. It's the little things like this that truly matter to our residents!
- ★ To **Jaqi** from Scott - Great job in finding the colostomy bags.
- ★ To **Sunnyville** from Rebecca - Seeing some GREAT teamwork on Sunnyville. Keep it up!
- ★ To **Randy & Connie** - A huge thank you to two awesome CNA's that are always willing to help and assist whenever needed.
- ★ To **Randy** from Shawanda - Keep up the GREAT TEAM WORK!

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

- Gerta Robin ..... 11th
- Katelyn Phillips..... 14th
- Sonya Mallory ..... 27th



JUST A FEW OF OUR SHOUTOUT FOLKS



**SUPERVISOR SHOUTOUTS**



**Nick Hubbard & Pinkie Hunt** - Awesome job on being the winning team with the highest structure in our team building challenges. Great teamwork is what makes it all happen! ~ Rebecca Minter, Administrator



Special shoutout to thank **Morris** for going above beyond and doing his job then covering another shift. Thanks so much -- Rick Fuller, Housekeeping Manager



**Shenequa Edwards** - Great job on a smooth transition from supplies to Business Office Manager. Congratulations on your new role. You are doing a great job! Keep it up! - Rebecca Minter, Administrator

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A warm welcome to **Keith Kelly**. Keith joins our Housekeeping Department as a Floor Tech. We are glad you are a part of our Riverdale Center family.



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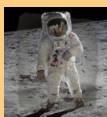
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Jennifer Smith-Franklin .....	5th
Genera Mains .....	7th
Jaleesa Johnson.....	7th
Shenell Mercer .....	7th
Latonia Turner .....	8th
Sylvia Muwallif .....	10th
Zainab Kallon .....	10th
Ytrica Edwards .....	11th
Hawanatu Sesay .....	12th
Doretta Harrell .....	17th
Tanisha Southard .....	22nd
Alimatu Tarawalli .....	22nd



## EMPLOYEE SHOUTOUTS

- ★ To **Tim**, Floor Tech from Derrick Nelson - Ever since coming aboard at Riverdale Tim has been the go to person, either helping in rooms with maintenance or wherever he is needed. No task is too small for him to complete. Thank you for all you do at Riverdale!
- ★ To **Jocari**, Room Attendant from Derrick Nelson - After seeing my job post on social media, this young lady stepped right up when a partner was no longer available to clean our west wing. She completes all tasks and makes sure all of her residents rooms are ready and disinfected for new arrivals.
- ★ To **Charmaine**, Room Attendant from Derrick Nelson - Ms Charmaine is one of the HARDEST working ladies in my department. When called upon, she takes on any task big or small. If a partner needs help she is there to pick them up. Thank You Charmaine for all you do in Environmental Services.
- ★ To **Team Riverdale** from Tracy - Always blessed to be a part of such a dynamic team!
- ★ To **Avery** from Tanisha - You are such a great person inside and out. A hard worker and very dedicated to your job. Thanks for being a great Co-Worker
- ★ To **Environmental Services** from Tracy Brown - Way to go team. Looking good!
- ★ To **Tracy** from Tranisha - You already know you are an amazing person. A true rockstar and a great leader! Thanks for your awesomeness!!!
- ★ To **Leslie** from Tanisha - Mrs. Leslie you are a true soldier and we Thank You for everything you do, night and day.
- ★ To **Tanika** for Tanisha - You're the BEST!

### DID YOU KNOW?



In 1963, major league baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run." On July 20, 1969, an hour after Neil Armstrong set foot on the surface of the moon, Perry hit his first, and only, home run while playing for the San Francisco Giants.



Each eye of the dragonfly contains 30,000 lenses.