



Teresa Fitton
Darraglynn Nursing Home

I am a passionate healthcare assistant with over 10 years of experience in enriching my client's lives by empowering them to live the best lives possible while showing them kindness, empathy, and friendship. My excellent communication skills with care and compassion enable me to build strong relationships with my residents and their families. I always believe in, "a small act of kindness can make a person's day beautiful".



Louise Allen
Annabeg Nursing Home

I love my job as I feel I bring a lot of joy and happiness to my residents. I care very deeply about each and everyone of them as if they were my own family. It means a lot to me to care for people and give them the love and respect that they deserve. As my own mother was cared for greatly many years ago, I always wanted to give that care back. I never worried about my own mother in her nursing home, and the care I give my residents I hope the families feel the same way that I did.



Kevin Doyle
Parke House Nursing Home

My primary motivation is to provide the necessary interventions to ensure our residents live their most meaningful and independent life they can within our nursing home. I have a wonderful team around me to provide the necessary supports to ensure I can do my job. Every day the residents humble me with their personal life experiences. Their happiness is essentially the reason I do my job. To me it's a privilege to be part of their lives and make a positive impact. I am honoured to be shortlisted as a nominee for the NHI Awards.



Irene Noonan

Administration, Beech Lodge Care Facility

Being shortlisted for the NHI Care Awards is a tremendous honour. To me, serving as the front of house represents a profound opportunity to positively influence the lives of our residents their families and friends. Each day, I strive to exceed expectations, building trust and open lines of communication with our cherished residents and families. My role extends beyond the ordinary, ensuring the optimal functioning of our nursing home and a commitment to nurturing a strong and vibrant sense of community. I am overjoyed to be acknowledged for my contributions and eagerly look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the Beech Lodge Care Facility community with unwavering enthusiasm and commitment.



Joanna Rozalska

Administration Manager Haven Bay Care Centre

Joanna moved to Kinsale with a Higher Degree in Economics in Poland. After returning to college studying Administration, Joanna took up a role at Haven Bay which combined her love of organising, analysing and attention to detail. Joanna has an enormous ability to multitask and understands our multi-cultural team. Joanna works tirelessly in the background to ensure sufficient and skilled staff are trained and rostered to look after the needs of residents. She collates and analyses clinical data which supports monitoring and results in improvements in resident care. With time, experience and her interpersonal skills, Joanna has progressed to lead a strong supportive administration team.



Mary McEveny

Cuan Chaitriona Nursing Home

Mary has been working in Cuan Chaitrionas Catering Department for the past 18 years. It has been both an honour and privilege for her to serve her residents during this time. Mary is a powerful force in the workplace and uses her positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others to work hard and succeed. She gets great job satisfaction from helping our most vulnerable in society. Mary is inspired at work daily and there isn't a day that goes by that one of her residents doesn't put a smile on her face.



Caru Care Team
Dunlavin Nursing Home

The team in Dunlavin Nursing Home are a bunch of dedicated, diligent, and compassionate professionals who strive their best to provide wholesome and holistic end of life care to all the Residents. The team's strength is enhanced with the CARU Programme, instilling more knowledge to all involved. All clinical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of the Resident are met, to ensure a peaceful passing. Our dutiful and benevolent team does not just include the Nurses and Carers, it is from Management to Domestic and Catering Staff, who all go that extra mile to treat the Residents with supreme respect, privacy, and dignity by upholding their EOL wishes and lending the families a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen to. To bid a final farewell to our Residents, we take great pride in doing a guard of honour to mark their journey of life. It is a testament to see families returning, even months after their beloved one has passed, to acknowledge the team for all their empathetic care.



Tom Brouder
Millbrae Lodge Nursing Home

Hi, my name is Tom, and I am a senior carer in Millbrae Lodge in Newport, County Tipperary. Over 6 years ago I began my Healthcare journey. Like all journeys everyday can be challenging, fun, sad all wrapped into one as we deal with life in the industry. The challenging side as I don't know what to expect each day. The fun side as I get to know all the residents. The sad side as sometimes have to say goodbye. Everyday in Millbrae Lodge with all my colleagues and residents is what make the journey worthwhile.



Eleanor Clancy
Beech Lodge Care Facility

I feel a profound sense of honor being among the finalists for the NHI Care Awards. This recognition is not only a personal achievement but also a testament to the unwavering dedication and support of the team at Beech Lodge Care Facility. In my role as the Director of Nursing for over 4 years, I consider it a profound calling to provide the highest quality of care, dignity, and comfort for our wonderful residents. My motivation and commitment stem from the real, positive difference I can make in our resident's lives, creating a second family environment filled with a sense of comfort, joy, belonging, and familiarity. Nursing, to me, is not just a job but a lifelong commitment, and each day, I strive to provide compassionate care and inspire my team to do the



Pauric Farell

Sancta Maria Nursing Home

Being a caregiver for people with dementia is a truly fulfilling experience, it allows me to make a very positive impact on their lives, develop empathy and create meaningful connections with those I care for. The sense of joy I feel providing comfort and companionship to those who need it most is extremely rewarding, its giving me the opportunity to grow and learn while making a positive difference in their lives, and for my own personal reasons gives my life a greater purpose.



Kathleen Dunleavy

Esker Lodge Nursing Home

I joined Killeshandra social services in 1974, I realized the great need for physical therapy for the elderly, I studied chair based exercises with the extend group in Dublin, I came to work in Esker Lodge in 2004, it's a joy to see the residents keeping time to the music and their faces light up when they hear the old familiar tunes that they once danced too. It's a joy to come to work every week. Some residents expressed they would like to play cards so I set up a bridge club and 25 which we play weekly and the residents family's come in and play along with us. We also have a book club which I have set up and meet once a month and discuss the book we have read the previous month which the residents really enjoy particularly Michael Morpurgo books.



Luke Coughlin

Knockrobin Hill Care Home

I enjoy working with my residents because I am passionate about their lives. Every person deserves to be valued for what they can do, rather than what they can't. My colleagues and I have developed an activities department that reflects this ethos. For us, the reward comes in watching a person pick up a paintbrush rather than focusing on what they have painted, or seeing a person smile when listening to a song they had long forgotten being sang. From them, we can learn. With them, we can grow.



Colm Finnegan
Curam Care Home, Navan Road

I lost my hearing when I was two and a half years old in both ears and so have been living with a hearing impairment my whole life. Since I am fully deaf in both ears, I struggle to hear the TV, music which I love, and a group chat can be challenging as I cannot always catch everything in discussions. I know the challenges deaf residents face. I believe resources for deaf residents in nursing homes have changed for the better. One of my primary roles in Curam Care Navan Road is to ensure deaf residents and staff adapt well to each other and their environment. As a team we ensure that staff know residents with hearing issues. This means that deafness is not a surprise to them, and they have prior knowledge of how they plan to work together. By setting this expectations thing are easier and it never takes long for staff to build lasting relationships with clients. I am nominated for this award because I play a vital role in bringing awareness to the organisation of the needs of deaf residents.



Phillip Carr
Castle Gardens Nursing Home & Memory Care Centre

I have recently been nominated for the above-mentioned, for which is out of the blue. The reason I do what I do is: 1. My wife was diagnosed with alzheimer's disease in 2011, I cared for her for 8 years until she went into a nursing home in 2019, until she passed away on new years eve 2021, so it's just repayment on her and my behalf. 2. My nomination from Castle Gardens Nursing Home. That is where my Mother & Father ended their days in 2011 & and that is my repayment by playing music every week.



Martina Foley
St Patrick's Missionary Society

I am very fortunate in my career. I say this because I love being a carer and find it a very rewarding experience. Personal care, encouraging independence and compassion are all important parts of the role at SPMS, but meeting new people and making friends are the real benefits. My day includes having walks, laughs and sing songs but also simply chatting about everything and nothing, reviving old memories. Every day is different, and an opportunity to make new friends, and enhance the quality of their lives.





The Catering Team

SignaCare Bunclody

We, The catering Team in SignaCare Bunclody prioritize dignified dining experiences, crafting modified diets for Residents while ensuring familiar flavours and normalcy. Empathy is our cornerstone, offering equal care to all, reflecting what we would desire ourselves. We consider Residents as family, embracing an empathy-driven commitment, making this nomination a true honour.



Romelyn Chan

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Being a nurse has always been more of a vocation for me than just a job. It is a calling that I have responded to my whole life from long time ago until the present. For me, I never consider what I do as something special but it has given me the drive so far to wake up very early in the morning and do what I think is best despite my shortcomings as a human being. I look at my residents as my own grandparents or parents. A simple gesture of "Thank you" from them after what I do can be several times lightening the heavy yoke of responsibilities of taking care of what is left of their lives. As what I always say to my residents and their families... "I am glad to be of service to you".



Corina Duyn

Resident at Signacare Nursing Home Waterford

Corina trained as nurse and social care worker in her native Netherlands; worked as artist after her move to Ireland. Aged 36 she became ill with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME). Through art, poetry and puppetry she shared a life triumphant under the weight of illness. When no longer able to live independently she moved to Signacare Nursing Home aged 59. Together with Waterford Healing Arts artist Caroline Schofield she explored this epic move into her 'Treehouse' followed by 'I brought the dream of flying' exhibition at GOMA Waterford and Creative Brain Week Dublin (2023). Corina brings many creative ideas to Signacare, including the ongoing photographic project 'The Hands of Signacare'.



Martha Buckley

St Lukes Nursing Home

Martha has worked in St Lukes home for the past 18 years, Martha is a kind and caring person and is dedicated to residents, their families, and staff. Martha puts others before herself and always exploring ways to improve our service for the older person. Martha is currently completing her advanced health care assistant practitioner course in Griffith Collage in Dublin and is doing exceptionally well in applying her knowledge for the greater good of the home. Martha does her job with a smile and enthusiasm every day, she impacts positively on all the people meets. Martha worked through covid and ensured that residents didn't feel isolated or worried, she was breath of fresh air, and residents trust her and value her. We in St Lukes home are extremely proud of Martha and all that she has achieved. Martha is a voice for all healthcare professionals working in service for older people.



Dolores Benaim

Youghal & District Nursing Home

I have worked in Youghal & District Nursing home since we opened our doors and welcomed our first resident back in 2007. I wear many hats but the most important role to me is that we know our residents, their stories, their history ,their lives to really see them. I love listening ,I want them to know I hear them I want them to know I care. 17 years later and I will never stop listening and I will never stop caring.



Caru Care Team

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As part of the Caru team, our aim is to improve person centred care and respect the wishes of each individual at end of life, whilst supporting their families. Each individual has unique needs so being flexible and responsive to their specific circumstances is essential in providing the best care and support in challenging times. We arrange a memorial based on who the person was, and invite the family and staff to give us feedback on their experience with end-of-life care. Staff and resident memories are gathered and given to the family.



Gerard (Gerry) Cogan

Maintenance, Newbrook Nursing Home Group

I am working in Newbrook since 2014 and every day is different. I like to see things done right, fixed properly and in working order. I enjoy conversations with the residents when doing a job in their room, from hanging up a picture, fixing something or asking them to choose a paint colour for their bedroom. I hear their stories, where they are from and what they worked at. They are always amazed about how the job turns out when I am finished. I feel I make a difference in the Nursing Home, and all the staff and residents know me by my name.



Carla Pinto

Director of Nursing/PIC in Clontarf Private Nursing Home

I am the Director of Nursing/PIC in Clontarf Private Nursing Home, but Clontarf is the residents home. I feel privileged to work in their home and I am committed to build a team that delivers a caring health service, in a home from home environment that fosters mutual respect for the rights and dignity of all. I feel a sense of accomplishment when residents feel safe , have their needs met and are happy and have some fun.



Brian McNamara

Director of Care, Greenpark Nursing Home

My parents established Greenpark Nursing Home in 1991 and older persons care has been a part of my life since. I love my role as Director of Care and feel privileged to be able to work with those who need it most. I could never see myself doing anything else.