

**2010 NIGHTINGALE RECIPIENT  
SUSAN SCIRPO, RN, BSN  
WATERBURY**



The Waterbury office of New England Home Care proudly announces Susan Scirpo, RN, BSN as the recipient of this year's Florence Nightingale Award. Sue is a nurse who exemplifies the true meaning of the words care and compassion. For 19 years she has been a member of the Waterbury team of nurses who work tirelessly to enhance the lives of the many patients they serve. She maintains a positive attitude no matter what she encounters.

As a home care nurse Sue's approach is holistic and she manages to address the entire well being of the clients by building on the strengths of each one of them. She effortlessly adapts herself to the individual personalities of many difficult clients with a smile on her face. She exudes peace and happiness to all of those around her and looks for the "good" in every situation.

Margaret, a particularly difficult and challenging client ridden with anxiety had been facing the inevitable realization of a higher level of care that she so desperately needed. Sue worked with Margaret's social worker and physician to identify solutions to the myriad of problems in which she encountered. She had a multitude of health problems including a chronic wound that wouldn't heal. Because Margaret had little or no support systems in the area, Sue stepped up to the plate, as always, to ensure she had a smooth transition to the hospital. Sue met Margaret at the ER with her personal belongings to make her more comfortable. Sue worked above and beyond to ease Margaret's mind to minimize her fears on facing what she thought was unobtainable; to return to home. Leaving no stone unturned, Sue contributed to Margaret's successful recovery and her return to home.

Sue's commitment to patient care is evidenced by her consistent refusal to allow the obstacles encountered in homecare to interfere with her ability to provide care to those who need it most. Sue is truly an asset to the nursing profession.

***Congratulations!***