



Jane Shukitis

President and CEO (Retired)
UR Medicine Home Care

HCA proudly recognizes Jane Shukitis with the Association's highest honor, the Ruth F. Wilson Award!

Jane is a longstanding practitioner, leader and relentless advocate in the field, inspiring all in what home care means to those it serves and for the vital role it holds for the entire health care system.

True to Ruth Wilson's forged path, Jane has been an ever-positive, ever-forward-moving visionary and trailblazer for home care and hospice. Her passion and drive are indomitable, and her resilience endless.

As nurse, organizational leader, educator, advocate and former HCA Board member and Chairperson, her message is always on-point and unwavering: "Home care is the solution!"

A major hallmark has been Jane's influence shaping the Association's paradigm for advocacy and collaboration. Her tutelage to HCA and the field has called for all to message the value that home care brings as solutions to the major needs and problems in patient and public health. Her steadfast call has been to come bringing the "solution" and "the hand of partnership" versus bringing the "open-hand asking that it be filled." Jane's presence at every level has inspired proactive measures, positivity and high-ground.

Jane has also taken up every opportunity with HCA to participate in innovating and demonstrating transformative models in health and medicine - whether as a leader in HCA's Statewide Hospital-Home Care Collaborative, a leader in sepsis, a leader in telehealth, hospice, critical

illness recovery, and on and on. The highest trajectory of the system, and the highest quality for those that home care and hospice serve, have been the goals and indelible marks of all her works, and continue to inspire the way.

Jane Shukitis joined the University of Rochester Medicine Home Care team, formerly Visiting Nurse Service and Finger Lakes Visiting Nurse Service, as President and CEO just over seven years ago. Shortly after this, she was nominated for and welcomed to the HCA Board and served 7 years, the final two as chair. As chair, she led the Association and the industry throughout the unprecedented peril of the COVID pandemic. Jane led with steadiness, constant support and advocacy for the entire organization and the needs of the field. She also led with the nimbleness needed to pivot and reestablish firm ground for HCA in the ever-changing, challenging and impacting emergency that brought so much catastrophe, fear and despair in a way that seemed to never subside. As our hope is that we are now finally coming out of this plight, we thank and honor Jane for her unwavering support and leadership throughout the entire time that was instrumental to getting us through.

Jane earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Roberts Wesleyan College and her Master's degree in Public Administration with a health care concentration from SUNY Brockport. Leveraging her skills, knowledge, and wealth of leadership experience, Jane led a complete transformation of her agency at UR Medicine. She was central to strengthening the coordination and partnership between the agency and its medical center counterpart, URMC, with a constant commitment to patient centered, integrated care that forged and maintained collaboration across sectors and specialties to ensure the highest quality of care for patients.

She concluded her career at UR Medicine Home Care at the same time she ended her tenure on HCA's Board of Directors - and in full stride, never letting up even a step in her final lap. The Association and the entire field of New York home health care have benefited from the depth and breadth of Jane's knowledge and expertise.

For all that Jane has given and all that she has been to the field, HCA thanks and proudly bestows on her its highest honor of the Ruth F. Wilson Award.