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,
ever 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.