



September 16, 2024

Elizabeth Long, MHA, RN
President/CEO & Founder, Guardian Nurses Healthcare Advocates
PO Box 224
Flourtown, PA 19031

Dear Ms. Long,

On behalf of the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center Nursing Archives Associates, it is my honor to inform you that you have been selected to receive the Mary Ann Garrigan Award for your outstanding professional achievements in nursing.

The Mary Ann Garrigan Award was created in 2012 to recognize nursing leaders whose contributions to nursing practice, leadership, research, or education are exemplary, or individuals who have made substantial contributions in support of nursing. The award is named for the founder of the Nursing Archives at Boston University.

Your nominator, Kathleen Bower, provided a detailed summary of your many accomplishments. In her words:

Guardian Nurses, under Betty's leadership, provides theory based, clinically competent, and holistic care to its patients and others to the benefit of individuals as well as the union finances and member engagement. As an innovator, Betty identified a patient/family need and created a unique approach to meeting it. As an entrepreneur, Betty has established a nurse-run business that produces exceptional patient outcomes as well as manages health care costs for patients and the unions to which they belong. Guardian Nurses supports nurses practicing at the peak of their license, using deep clinical knowledge and skills, expert problem solving, tenacity in problem solving on behalf of patients, and more.

We plan to present this award to you virtually on October 22. The Nursing Archives Associates will be hosting a speaker on that date (again virtually) at 1 PM. At the conclusion of the post presentation questions and answers, we will make the announcement. If you can attend, we will ask you to say a few words. I will send you the details at a later date.

Yours in nursing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan A. LaRocco".

Susan A LaRocco, PhD, MBA, RN, FNAP
President