VNA Philly selected as Finalist for Wawa’s HERO Award

In the midst of this COVID-19 world, health care professionals are the first people that come to mind when we think of heroes. Selected as one of the finalists for The Wawa Foundation’s HERO Award, VNA Philadelphia (Visiting Nurse Association) now stands a chance at winning the $50,000 award if enough people vote at: www.thewawafoundation.org/hero-award/.

The Wawa Foundation Hero Award is designed to recognize and support non-profit organizations that provide services to protect others, preserve independence, and provide care and life-saving support to those in need in the Philadelphia area. After votes are tallied, the winner will be announced at the Wawa Welcome America Celebration of Freedom Ceremony on NBC 10 on Saturday, July 4, 7:00 p.m. EST, where one non-profit will receive $50,000 and the other three finalists will each receive $10,000.

VNA Philadelphia’s medical staff – including hospice -- heroes rise to meet “the immense challenges of the community” by distributing medicine - and food - to low-income, medically frail people. Physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, therapists, hospice aides, bereavement counselors, volunteers and talented support staff work together to provide quality, personalized care that addresses the unique and challenging physical, spiritual and emotional needs of patients and families.

“We aren’t typically an organization that asks for help,” says Elwood Hungarter, VNA Philadelphia’s CEO, “but I think we do need help [now].” Defined as person who is “admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities,” there is a sign that resides outside of VNA Philadelphia’s headquarters which speaks volumes: Heroes Work Here. With enough community support, the VNA Philadelphia heroes will also be selected as the 2020 Wawa Foundation award recipients.

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