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Bridgeport Hospital nurse, Stratford resident, receives national cancer care award

BRIDGEPORT, CT (Jan. 22, 2016) – Bridgeport Hospital oncology nurse navigator and breast cancer survivor Kimberly Bielecki of Stratford is one of 10 people to receive this year’s American Cancer Society Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award, a prestigious national honor for cancer care and commitment.

The award, presented Jan. 13 during a ceremony in Atlanta, recognizes individuals who exhibit excellence and compassion in providing care to cancer patients, going beyond their duties to make a difference in the life of cancer patients and their families. The award also represents the concept of the “warm hand of service,” which is an integral part of the Society’s commitment to excellence in cancer care and specifically emphasized by Lane W. Adams when he served as executive vice president of the American Cancer Society. Lane’s definition of the warm hand of service was to “serve others and enrich the purpose of one’s existence.”

“Kim amazes me by how she really cares for patients and their families,” a cancer survivor and one of her nominators wrote. “She exhausts every option to ensure that her patients receive the best treatment possible. We all hear that some things fall through the cracks – but there are no cracks on Kim’s watch.”

“Time and again, Kim is given challenging cases of patients with no resources, little to no family support and no knowledge of what lies ahead of them but this doesn’t stop her,” another nominator wrote.

A nurse for over 38 years, Bielecki provides guidance to cancer patients to ensure they receive appropriate treatment and continued support in their homes. She is a breast cancer survivor and an integral part of community outreach and survivorship initiatives. Recently, Bielecki joined the Connecticut Colorectal Cancer Roundtable planning committee and was appointed chair of the Stratford Visiting Nurses Association board.

Bridgeport Hospital, part of Yale New Haven Health System, is a 383-bed acute care hospital (plus 42 beds licensed to Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital) serving parts of Fairfield and New Haven counties. The hospital

admits more than 18,000 patients and receives more than 240,000 outpatient visits annually. The Connecticut Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital is the only burn center in the state and one of only 62 verified burn centers in the U.S.

Photo caption: (l-r) Gary Reedy, CEO, American Cancer Society; Kimberly Bielecki; Scarlott Mueller, chair, American Cancer Society Board of Directors; and Susan Henry, chair, Lane Adams Quality of Life Award Workgroup.