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Meet ... Amy Hernandez **Transitional Care Nurse**

For the month of February, we would like to showcase Amy. Amy is on the Global Transitional Care side of Care Partners and is one of our Transitional Care Nurses.

Amy began her career in healthcare as a caregiver at the age of 18, before getting her VN license at the age of 19. She decided pretty early on in her life that she wanted to be a nurse so during her sophomore year of high school, she began taking the pre-requisites for the ROP VN program. Senior year she was accepted into the full-time VN program (13 months) which began just 5 days after her graduation.

After completing the program, Amy passed the NCLEX—where she started her career working in home health. She enjoyed it and found it rewarding to care for her patients, but knew it was not what she had envisioned herself doing with her license. She attempted to work in hospice, but decided it was not a proper fit. Her first "clinical" job was at Lindora Clinic, where she received plenty of hands-on experience in drawing blood. From there, she worked at AltaMed, which is similar to a Kaiser, but serves the Latino and underserved populations.

At AltaMed, Amy worked in Pediatrics, Family practice, Internal Medicine, and Women's Health. Eventually, she was promoted to a Lead LVN position throughout the duration of her employment here. She learned a lot about being a lead during this time, and even assisted in opening up their new building for the Anaheim clinic expansion—formerly Carl Karcher corporate building. Amy left AltaMed just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and started her new job at St. Joseph's working in Urgent Care shortly after the lockdown. Though it was an unsettling and eerie time to be a nurse, Amy persevered. From St. Joseph's urgent care, Amy transferred to St. Jude's and was promoted to a Lead LVN for the urgent care site. She enjoyed the thrill of urgent care and the unknown of what was going to walk through the doors every day. After working in urgent care during the pandemic, she decided that she wanted to transition into a nursing position that was off the floor and landed a job with Fullerton Joint Union High School (FJUHSD) as a health office nurse. She enjoyed the position way more than she expected and loved working with high school students. However, she felt she was not utilizing her nursing knowledge to its full potential. From working as a health office nurse, she found Care Partners! She never thought she would be able to work as a nurse in an office position, but she found exactly what she was looking for.

Amy started her journey at Care Partners in November of 2022. Her responsibilities include clinical checks to ensure the patients we accept onto service are medically qualified. She is also responsible for calling pt's once discharged to get them scheduled in a timely manner. After scheduling, she prepares the handoffs for our nurse practitioners, which include the medical history and records of the pt for the initial visit. On a weekly basis, Amy tracks the numbers and updates spreadsheets for Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Los Alamitos Medical Center, and Outside hospitals. As a TCN, she also assists with completing any tasks or orders that come in from the nurse practitioners throughout the day as well as many other responsibilities.

Professionally, Amy would like to take on more challenges: new projects in her current role and within the company. She would also like to broaden her skill set and be cross-trained in more than TCM, as she can contribute so much more to the Care Partners Team.

As an ongoing joke, Amy states she has too many hobbies because she likes to dabble in anything and everything to keep busy. Currently, she spends her time reading, thrifting, working out (spin, yoga, pilates), snowboarding, gardening, pottery, roller-skating, road-tripping, volunteering, camping, baking, writing and making floral arrangements. She also enjoys exploring and trying new "foodie" spots with her boyfriend as they are constantly searching for the next best meal, and the next best dessert.

Fun Fact:

Amy started coding and building websites about 1.5 years ago with the goal of building her own blog one day.

CARE PET-NERS



IF YOU DID NOT SEE YOUR CARE PET-NER IN THIS EDITION, STAY TUNED FOR NEXT MONTH!

EMPLOYEE Birthdays

Angie Nguyen - 2/2 Amber Sjostrom - 2/3 Jack Carrigan - 2/3 Raymond Halverson - 2/3 Angelica Pacheco - 2/6 Selena Penalosa - 2/6 Miriam Aparicio - 2/7 Annie Villena - 2/10 Vonny Pangemanan - 2/12 Hooman Ostad - 2/15 Amy Hernandez - 2/16 Jessica Kruzynski - 2/16 Diemtrinh Khuc - 2/18 Sergio Ferreyra - 2/18 Patrick Baldonado - 2/20 Susana Rios - 2/21 Nicole Najera - 2/22 Sharon Rominiyi - 2/25 Taylor Skinner - 2/26 Arlene Watson - 2/27



PCA(S) OF THE MONTH-FEBRUARY



KIMBERLY MARTINEZ



SYNKA FABIAN

From the Care Partners Family, we would like to congratulate Kimberly Martinez & Synka Fabian for being our February 2023 PCAs of The Month. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and we appreciate the time and dedication you contribute to the company, but most importantly to the clients. Congratulations!

OPEN HOUSE | FEBRUARY 17, 2023NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY





On February 17, 2023, we hosted our quarterly Open House, and it seemed fitting to host it on National Caregivers Day! We want to thank all of our Personal Care Attendants for continuously going above and beyond to provide quality care for our amazing clients. We appreciate each and every one of you, and we recognize the impact you all contribute to Care Partners. We hope to see you at our next Open House. Happy National Caregivers Day!

BLOOD DRIVE | FEBRUARY 28, 2023

We partnered once again with The Cooper **Steinhauser Foundation for our first blood** drive of 2023. Huge thank you from everyone at Care Partners for those who took the time to donate! We recived 18 units of blood! This amount of blood can save up to 56 lives!











REMINDERS

PCA Credential Renewals

To all Personal Care Attendants:

You may receive or have already received a notice to renew your credentials: ID/Driver's License, Home Care Aide Registration, Covid Vaccination Card, TB Test, Caregiver University, etc.

It is crucial these are renewed in a timely manner, as it is required for employment. For any questions, please relay them to our Recruiting Manager, Dianna Ramos.

REFERRAL BONUS

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Have a friend that would like working for us too? Let us know! If they get hired with us, you can make \$250! The person you refer needs to work 6 shifts within the first 2 weeks of being hired, and they need to let us know the first time they talk to us that you referred them. After they've worked for their first 2 weeks, reach out to the office so we can confirm their shifts and get your bonus on your next check.

SIGN-ON BONUS - \$200

If you work a total of 160 hours or more in the first 2 months (about 80 hours per month) you can qualify for a \$200 bonus! At the end of your first 2 months working with us, reach out so we can confirm you qualify and get your bonus on your next check.

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