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J.T. Gilbert Clinical Award

The Mississippi Association for Home Care proudly announces Madeline Easterling, BSN, CWOCN, CFCN, recipient of The J.T. Gilbert Clinical Award. Madeline is a role model when it comes to professional practice, expressed Ms. Maureen Roberts, RNC, FCN, CRNI. Madeline has been a home health nurse for 27 years, a Certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse (CWOCN) for 9 years, and a Certified Foot Care Nurse (CFCN) for 3 years.

As a home health nurse, Madeline is an incredible patient advocate, says Christi Bates, RN and Branch Manager of the agency. Her dedication and passion are remarkable as she goes the extra mile to ensure her patients are well taken care of. Madeline takes the time to effectively communicate with physicians because she knows how essential it is when making recommendations for wound and ostomy care. Madeline's goal is not only to provide excellent care, but also to impart knowledge on patients and staff in order to improve the quality of care and life. Her ability to effectively deliver information regarding wound and ostomy care have resulted in a more competent and confident staff.

Madeline has been the driving force behind Deaconess Home Care's pressure ulcer care and prevention policies. She has a unique way of motivating her patients and their caregivers to tend to these wounds. One of her disabled patients was won over by Madeline's bedside manner and knowledge of wounds. Another patient expressed how confident she became after Ms. Easterling attended to her colostomy.

In her spare time, Madeline is part of a support group for widows in her church and community. She is also a reviewer for the WOCN OASIS Taskforce, which develops guidelines for staff nurses on pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. Our association is proud to award Ms. Easterling this honor.

The Mississippi Association for Home Care is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to operating for the benefit of member home health agencies, home health related agencies and the benefit of the public in fostering and maintaining high standards of home health care.

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