



## AVHN Aide Receives Statewide Recognition

Auburn, MA ó December 15, 2011 ó Auburn VNA Health Network, Inc. (AVHN) President & CEO, Kim Harmon, announced that Kim Lilley, one of the Agency's dedicated home health aides was honored with the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts' Home Care Aide of the Year Award at the John F. Kennedy Library on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Over 130 home health care professionals from all parts of Massachusetts came together to honor five award recipients in different categories. Lilley's distinguished honor is awarded to only one home health aide in the Commonwealth each year.

This award recognizes those home health care aides that have demonstrated an exceptional degree of excellence in use of his/her skills; a commitment to individual professional growth; special contributions to the agency and team colleagues; a special degree of caring and commitment to patients; and longevity in the home care profession.

“We are so pleased that Kim was chosen for this award and I am grateful to the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts for giving health care providers the opportunity to recognize our STARS, those individuals who go above and beyond in sharing compassion and care. It is an honor to recognize a member of our team who truly embraces the CARE in Caregiver,” said Harmon. “Kim stands out amongst her colleagues because of her ability to synthesize and integrate her skills to provide the utmost care possible, her high level of persistence with patient advocacy and her unwavering dedication for making a difference.”

Lilley has been with AVHN for more than twelve years. She assists patients with their activities of daily living including personal care, with the primary objective of maintaining her patients' dignity and encouraging their independence. “Above and beyond these tasks, Kim encourages patients to become motivated to participate in their own health improvement and recovery process.” said Harmon.

“I was so honored to be nominated and to having been selected as the Home Care Aide of the year.” said Lilley. “Auburn VNA Health Network is a wonderful place to work, and it affords me the opportunity to care for our patients in the environment of their choice ó at home. They look forward to my visits and it is a joy to celebrate along with them when they achieve their health goals.”

Auburn VNA Health Network, as an Agency, is committed to the mission of providing caring, high quality home health care services with an emphasis on the unique needs of each individual.





All of our employees embrace the same philosophy and approach each patient with respect and dignity. Collectively, we embody high standards when it comes to delivering care to our community and we are proud to have achieved a Deficiency Free Survey last year from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Quality.

The Home Care Alliance hosted two featured speakers, Joseph F. Coughlin, PhD, the Director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab, and Massachusetts Senate President, Therese Murray. Kate Merrill, an Anchor/Reporter for WBZ-TV News was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

*Auburn VNA Health Network is a non-profit home care provider since 1919 and provides caring, high quality home health care services with an emphasis on the unique needs of each individual. It is an active member of the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts, which is a non-profit trade association providing representation, education, communication and advocacy. For more information on Auburn VNA Health Network, visit [AVHN.org](http://AVHN.org) or call 508-791-0081.*

