

Willow Award. The Meaning.



"The Oak and the Willow"

There is an old adage about the relative strength of trees and which is the strongest. It suggests that the mighty oak is the strongest of all trees: Tall, thick, sturdy ... But the contrasting view is that the willow is the strongest: Supple swaying, flexible ... When the wind is severe - damaging, hostile, punishing and harsh - the oak will withstand up to a point, but then snap. The willow on the other hand will yield and bend and nearly touch the ground, and after the wind, will stand upright and resume its place.

—The Need for Willow Tree Faith,
Virginia Theological Seminary

Like a willow tree, a caregiver working in end-of-life care bends to accommodate the needs of their patient and family in their storm. Regardless of the challenges that lie ahead, these caregivers are steadfast and resilient to the very end. Like the pliant willow tree, they will stand back upright and tall, ready to care for another patient. This award is for them!

NOMINATE A DESERVING CENTRAL ARKANSAS CAREGIVER

Email your submission to
Nominations@SmithFamilyCares.com,
fill out an online form at
SmithFamilyCares.com/Willow-Award
or mail your submission to:
1921 Main Street • North Little Rock, AR 72114

Nominee's First Name: _____

Nominee's Last Name: _____

Nominee's Role: Staff Volunteer

Nominee's Company: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Phone: _____

How long have you
known this person? _____

Your First Name: _____

Your Last Name: _____

Your Title: _____

Your Organization: _____

Your Email: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Please include this form
with your nomination letter



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EXCELLENCE IN END-OF-LIFE CARE

RECOGNIZING HEROES WHO CARE



You make your saving
help my shield, and your
right hand sustains me;
Your help has made
me great!

-Psalm 18:35

End-of-Life Care. The Exception.

While most caregivers are able to see a job "well done" when their patient goes home, having walked to the end-of-life with a loved one, end-of-life caregivers aren't able to see their patients' lives continue. Every day, we hear of exceptional stories. These hidden heroes are fulfilling a very special calling in this life. Let us recognize your special healthcare hero!

Eligible Heroes:

- Nurses
- CNAs
- Medical Assistants
- Social Workers
- Pastors
- Deacons or other Clergy
- Volunteers
- Administrative Staff
- Custodial Staff
- Any Support Staff

Their Story. Our Gratitude.

A Willow Award pinning ceremony will be held at the recipient's place of employment. Your nomination letter will be read to the Willow Award recipient as they receive an engraved crystal Willow Award and a Willow Award lapel pin, pinned by a selected board member. This individual will also receive recognition on our website and various publications.



About The Willow Award.

This is an award created to recognize end-of-life caregivers who provided exceptional compassionate care in someone's end-of-life journey. YOU have the opportunity to share the story of why this caregiver deserves to be recognized in Central Arkansas!

Our Mission.

Our mission and vision are simple. We desire to help Central Arkansas families recognize and honor their end-of-life caregiver. End-of-life caregivers are often overlooked heroes in our loved ones' stories, and we want to help change that.