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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to nominate a deserving nurse for the Excellence in Bedside CVICU Care Award. Having dedicated over 25 years to the nursing profession, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional patient care in highly demanding environments, particularly in Cardiovascular Intensive Care Units (CVICU).

Currently serving as an Assistant Nurse Manager, she oversees the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Her role involves coordinating clinical and non-clinical operations, a critical task that ensures the safety and effectiveness of patient care. Furthermore, her focus on Education and Simulation for the PCICU and the Cardiac Stepdown units exemplifies her commitment to continuous improvement in patient care standards and staff training. Despite these roles, she has never left the bedside and continues to staff the highest acuity patients and serves as charge nurse.

Her clinical expertise is well recognized, as evidenced by her receipt of the Pediatric Cardiac Heart Center Impact Award in 2023. This accolade is bestowed upon those who significantly enhance the quality of care for patients, their families, and their colleagues, highlighting her influence and dedication within the pediatric heart center community. Despite her seniority, she is well-liked by her colleagues and brings an element of fun to the unit that is appreciated by staff, patients, and families.

Throughout her career, she has consistently prioritized diversity, equity, and inclusion, integrating these principles into her practice and leadership. She has acted as a bridge between diverse patient families and the medical teams, ensuring clear communication and culturally competent care that respects and values diverse backgrounds and needs.

She has also demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability, particularly notable during her transition through various high-stakes environments across multiple states, each with unique challenges and demographics. Her ability to maintain high standards of care across these settings is a testament to her skill, dedication, and passion for nursing.

Given her extensive experience, her direct involvement in bedside care, and her leadership in promoting an inclusive and equitable treatment environment, I strongly believe that this individual stands out as an exemplary candidate for this prestigious award.

Thank you for considering this nomination.