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### PNCB's 2011 CPN® Certification Advocate Award Recipients

GAITHERSBURG, MD (May 16, 2011) – The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2011 Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) Certification Advocate Award. Congratulations to both Carly D. Byrne, BSN, RN, CPN, CCRN of the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage and Denise Klein, BSN, RN, CPN of Children's Medical Center of Dallas, for going above and beyond to encourage RNs at their facilities to seek certification. The PNCB presented the winners with their awards during the 2011 Society of Pediatric Nurses Conference Awards Luncheon in Las Vegas, Nevada.



**Carly D. Byrne**, BSN, RN, CPN, CCRN graduated in 2004 from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She began her career at the Alaska Native Medical Center on the pediatric/PICU/NICU unit, and became an advocate of nursing certification after reading research articles and discussing the benefits of certification with several of her mentors. In a state with 65 designated high acuity pediatric beds, there were only 10 Certified Pediatric Nurses in Alaska in early 2007. She made it her goal to promote pediatric nursing certification to help ensure Alaska's youngest residents received the highest quality nursing care. In 2007, she coordinated a Pediatric Nursing Certification Review Course open to all pediatric nurses, statewide. Within six months of the course, the number of CPNs increased to over 40. Her goal for 2011 is to double the number of CPNs in Alaska.



**Denise Klein**, BSN, RN, CPN graduated from Baylor University School of Nursing and began her nursing career in Dallas in 1978. Denise serves in the Clinical Education Department at Children's Medical Center Learning Institute where she led the development and implementation of their pediatric nursing certification review program. As a result, she has successfully supported hundreds of her colleagues in their pursuit of their professional pediatric nursing certification. Denise now manages the Pediatric Nurse Certification Review Course, the Pediatric CCRN Review Course, and the Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse Review Course at Children's Medical Center. In 2010, the audience for each of these courses was extended to include nurses throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Within the Children's Medical Center system, over 300 nurses now hold CPN status and more than 50 hold Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN®) status.

Ms. Byrne and Ms. Klein are two of nearly 15,000 Certified Pediatric Nurses (CPNs) in the United States and beyond. The CPN Certification Advocate Award is presented annually to a Certified Pediatric Nurse who demonstrates an impressive commitment to encouraging and supporting certification. The PNCB commends all 2011 nominees for their efforts. Information about the 2012 awards will be posted at [www.pncb.org](http://www.pncb.org) later this year, and we encourage all eligible CPNs to apply.

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