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PNCB's 2009 CPN® Certification Advocate Award Recipients

GAITHERSBURG, MD (June 9, 2009) – The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB) is pleased to announce the recipients of the first annual Certified Pediatric Nurse - CPN® Certification Advocate Award. Congratulations to both Donna Timmerman, BSN, RN, CPN, a Clinical Educator at Children's Hospital of Orange County, and Casey O'Brien, BSN, RN, CPN, a Clinical Education Coordinator at Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago, for going above and beyond to encourage RNs at their facilities to seek certification. The PNCB presented the winners with their awards during the 2009 Society of Pediatric Nurses Conference Awards Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia.



Donna L. Timmerman, BSN, RN, CPN lives in Westminster, California and has been a pediatric nurse for more than 16 years. She earned her BSN from California State University at Long Beach. Donna is currently the Clinical Educator for Medical-Surgical and Short Stay Units at the Children's Hospital of Orange County, where she has been instrumental in increasing the percentage of certified nurses from 6% to more than 50% in less than 3 years. Donna was recognized as the RN Residency Program Champion of 2007 at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. Because of her expertise, she was invited to participate as a panel member in a discussion on the role of the professional nurse, involvement in professional organizations, and the benefits of membership for the new RN resident at the 2009 SPN Conference.



Casey O'Brien, BSN, RN, CPN is originally from Rochester, Minnesota. She graduated with her BSN from Viterbo University in LaCrosse, Wisconsin in 2002. She is currently working towards her MSN in Nursing Education at The University of Iowa. Casey lives in Chicago, Illinois where she works at Children's Memorial Hospital as a clinical educator. Since 2007, Casey has facilitated a program that has provided almost 150 nurses with the opportunity to become Certified Pediatric Nurses.

Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Timmerman are two of nearly 10,000 nurses certified as Certified Pediatric Nurses (CPN®). 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 2009 nominees for their efforts. Information about the 2010 awards will be posted at www.pncb.org this summer, and we encourage all eligible CPNs to apply.

The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board is the largest independent pediatric nursing certification organization in the country. Today, over 24,000 pediatric nurses and nurse practitioners have been certified by the PNCB. For more information, call 888-641-2767 or visit the PNCB website at www.pncb.org.