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## **BETH ISRAEL NURSES HONORED**

### **Nurse of Distinction Honored as One of New York City's Best**

June 2, 2008 -- There's probably no greater source of satisfaction than working in a profession that one loves and being recognized for doing a great job.

This is certainly true for several nurses at Beth Israel Medical Center, and in particular Frederick Dunau, RN, who received the Nurse of Distinction Nurse Preceptor Award following a citywide competition conducted by 1199 SEIU/ League of Voluntary Hospitals & Homes. He was honored at a gala dinner held at the Hilton Hotel in Manhattan.

In Mr. Dunau's nomination, Cathy Sullivan, RN, MSN, NP, Director, Patient Care Services, likened his role to that of a football team's, "quarterback, linebacker and coach ... always there to answer a question, offer advice or assist in anyway he can." Mr. Dunau, who works in the Cardiac Surgery ICU at the Petrie Division, is a valuable resource for less-experienced members of the unit, and has the respect of veteran members of the staff. In 2007, his peers and other colleagues recognized his contributions and efforts as a Preceptor with the Beatrice Renfield Circle of Excellence Award.

Beth Israel's Nurse Recognition Week celebration was highlighted by the presentation of the Beatrice Renfield Circle of Excellence Awards, an annual competition coordinated by Carmen Schmidt, RN, Director, and Cathy Binck, RN, Senior Nurse Education Manager, the Beatrice Renfield Division of Nursing Education and Research.

This year's honorees for Beatrice Renfield Circle of Excellence Awards include: for Excellence as Nurse Leader-- Susan Kaufman, RN, BS, CPAN, Nurse Manager for Pain Medicine and Palliative Care, Phillips Ambulatory Care Center; and the award for Excellence as Nurse Preceptor was presented to Pilar Baker, RN, staff nurse in the Petrie Division's SICU.

The Renfield Award recipients for "Excellence in Patient Centered Care" were Jane Ashe, RN, of The Robert Mapplethorpe Residential Treatment Facility; Diane Carroll, RN, Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, and Faye Dunn, RN, and Melinda Vinco-Mones, RN, staff nurses on 3 East and 3 North, respectively, at the Kings Highway Division.

Winner of the Novice Nurse Award was Melanie Pabon, RN, who works in Maternal Child Health on 5 Dazian/5Karpas at the Petrie Division.

The team award was presented to the staff of the Vincent P. Dole MMTP Clinic for "Excellence in Multi-disciplinary Team Collaboration." One of Beth Israel's 18 MMTP clinics, the Vincent Dole Clinic is located in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and is staffed by nurses, doctors, counselors, social workers and ancillary support. They provided a much-needed service in a medically underserved community.

Each Beatrice Renfield honoree received a commemorative pin and a stipend of up to \$1,000 for a continuing education activity. The Award is named in honor of the late Beth Israel trustee who believed that quality health care is a direct result of excellent nursing.