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PRESS RELEASE

Teleios Announces Fourth Annual *Care As It Should Be* Award Winners

**Hendersonville, NC August 21, 2025:** Teleios Collaborative Network (TCN) announced the fourth annual recipients of the Care As It Should Be Awards during the August Board of Directors Meeting.

The purpose of the Care As It Should Be Awards is to recognize those individuals who make an extraordinary impact on the patients and families who they serve daily. “We know that each of the staff members who are on the front lines provide excellent care to patients, so these awards are to recognize those who take care to the next level – those who go above and beyond to make a patient’s experience the best that it can be during such vulnerable and challenging times,” said Chris Comeaux, President and CEO of TCN.

Each TCN Member Organization was encouraged to nominate staff members who they felt elevated patient care. The nominees for the 2025 awards were: **Keka Penn**, Intake Specialist, Ancora Compassionate Care; **Emily Stamey**, Regional Director of Palliative Care, Four Seasons; **Jennifer Long,** MSW, LCSW, Carolina Caring; **Krysta Blanton**, Regional Director of Palliative Care, Four Seasons; **Dawn Gray,** Certified Nursing Assistant, Hospice of Eastern Idaho; **Brittany Walters**, Care Access Manager, Four Seasons.

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The award recipients are **Jennifer Long**, MSW, LCSW, Carolina Caring; **Dawn Gray**, Certified Nursing Assistant, Hospice of Eastern Idaho; and **Brittany Walters**, Care Access Manager, Four Seasons.

Each recipient will receive a crystal etched award along with a monetary gift. The monetary award may be used to further their education and/or to celebrate with their team members.

Comeaux added, “We congratulate all the nominees. TCN is proud to recognize those who are committed to the missions of their respective organizations and, most importantly, to those who are on the front lines every day providing exemplary care.”

Teleios Collaborative Network is a nonprofit organization that has created a clinically integrated network, sharing expert leadership, industry best practices, and resources with its member organizations. The goal of TCN’s collaboration is to harness the best of each hospice and enable the network to care for the patients and families in each community served. There are over 3,500 hospice patients and over 4,300 palliative patients in its network. TCN was founded in 2017 by Four Seasons and Carolina Caring and co-founded by AMOREM and Mountain Valley organizations. TCN is currently comprised of twenty member organizations across twelve states.

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