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JOY AGGER EARNS MINNIE SCHREIBER STAFF LEADERSHIP AWARD AT RIVER GARDEN

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, River Garden CEO Martin Goetz announced Joy Agger, RN, as the recipient of the 2021 Minnie Schreiber Staff Leadership Award. Agger is a 20-year member of our staff and currently works in River Garden's nursing department as a Resource Nurse. The late Minnie Schreiber, for whom the award is named, was River Garden's board president from 1974-76 and remained a board member until her death in 2010. During her service on the board she was a passionate advocate for the welfare of staff and in her honor the board established this annual award in her name.

Agger started working at River Garden in 2000 when she was new to Jacksonville and looking for promising job opportunities. River Garden soon became her permanent home-away-from-home. "I love bridging communications and forming new bonds each day," she says.

Through all the years, there have been many wonderful people and experiences, but Agger says her favorite memory occurred during this last year when she and a small group of dedicated, outstanding staff members cared for patients on the River Garden's COVID-19 Unit. When commenting on Joy's award, Carol Thomas, chief nursing officer said, "I've had the pleasure of working with Joy throughout her 20 years at River Garden. For Joy, nursing is so much more than a career, it is truly a calling. Joy possesses the special skill set and personality that continues to earn her the admiration and praise of her residents, families and staff. It is a privilege to have Joy as a colleague and friend and we congratulate her on receiving this most prestigious River Garden award."

Other colleagues describe Agger as authentic, flexible, and efficient. "Her patients trust her completely," says Bernadeth Palompo, Assistant Director of Nursing. "She embodies qualities that we all admire and she is my go-to when I need help with a family or resident. Joy has a wonderful way of helping everyone understand what needs to be done, and then she follows through."

Agger is the mother of two adult girls, Katrina (FL) and Renee (SC). Her daily companion is her dog, Blue. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, hiking and sitting by the pool pondering life.

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