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Sandy Crandall, Pennswood Village Nurse Practitioner, Named State-Wide Caregiver of the Year, Licensed Nursing, by PANPHA, a Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Senior Services



June 17, 2011. Newtown, PA: Sandy Crandall, [Pennswood Village](#) Nurse Practitioner and Doylestown resident, was named a State-Wide Caregiver of the Year, Licensed Nursing by [PANPHA](#), a Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Senior Services yesterday during their annual conference in Hersey, PA.

Sandy Crandall was one of 12 Distinguished Service Awards given out by PANPHA to honor those special individual and group efforts that exceed already high standards of commitment and service that is common among PANPHA members. The Distinguished Service Award winners give their time, talents, and abundant energy to senior living facilities throughout Pennsylvania and the field of aging in a way that visibly shows their commitment and dedication to their chosen fields.

“Sandy Crandall is a certified Nurse Practitioner who has worked at Pennswood Village for 30 years,” said Nancy Spears, Executive Director at Pennswood Village. “We are delighted that PANPHA has chosen Sandy for this prestigious award. We nominated Sandy for her exceptional commitment to the field of geriatrics and her strong belief in a healthy aging process. She has contributed so much to Pennswood Village’s ability to provide excellent care for our residents and has indeed shaped our care delivery systems over the years. She has also been a dedicated teacher and mentor for an entire generation of nurse practitioners.”

Pennswood Village is a Continuing Care Retirement Community located in Newtown, PA that is home to more than 450 residents ages 65 and older.



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Sandy became a Nurse Practitioner specializing in geriatrics over thirty years ago, when the field of Nurse Practitioner was in its infancy. She has helped to develop and define her specialization over the years, learning from her patients and using and applying that knowledge in clinical as well as teaching roles. She began her career as a trailblazer, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania's first Nurse Practitioner Master's Program and she continues in that role today.

Pennswood Village opened its doors in 1980 and Sandy was its first Nurse Practitioner. Pennswood Village was founded by a group of Quakers who believed in creating a retirement community that would provide, within a caring community, a continuum of residential, health and community services and programs designed to meet the needs of individuals age 65 and older, based on each person's right to self-determination, dignity, and independence.

Sandy's contributions to Pennswood Village's quality of healthcare, and in turn, the well-being of its residents, have been numerous and exceptional. Throughout her 30 year career, she has always valued her clinical practice. This is the core and foundation of Sandy's work at Pennswood and beyond. Sandy's colleagues describe her as a "geriatric detective," who collaborates with her patients, physicians, physical therapists, nurses, and anyone else on a patient's health care team, to find answers and improve lives.

Sandy sees patients every day and manages emergencies of every kind, as well as routine physicals, management of chronic conditions, illnesses, interpreting lab results, and communicating with and providing counseling to patients and their families. She has developed and supported systems changes that have greatly increased both productivity and quality of care at Pennswood.

Mentoring and teaching have played a large role in Sandy's career at Pennswood. She has mentored Pennswood nursing staff both formally and informally over the years and has taught continuing education courses to staff on a wide variety of topics. She has also served as a mentor to many geriatric Nurse Practitioner students from local colleges and universities.

A full listing of PANPHA's Distinguished Service Award Winners can be found at www.panpha.org.

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Pennswood Village is a nationally respected continuing care retirement community for those 65 and older. Home to more than 450 residents in Newtown, Pennsylvania, the Friends retirement community is accredited by the prestigious national organization Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF-CCAC). Residents enjoy full Type A Life Care Contracts that provide the highest level of service and unlimited access to health care with no substantial increases in monthly payments. The community's Quaker values enrich resident's lives through diversity, welcoming women and men of all races, colors, religions, national origins, and sexual orientations.

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