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### **SHIELD HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAREGIVER STORY CONTEST**

Valencia, CA – Shield HealthCare, a leading provider of medical supplies for care at home, is pleased to announce the winners of its 14<sup>th</sup> annual “What Makes Caregiving Rewarding” story contest, recognizing the dedicated role of professional and family caregivers. Through this contest, Shield HealthCare provides its caregiving audience a forum to share their stories, inspiring and encouraging others.

Congratulations to the 3 grand prize story contest winners:

- Clara S. from Igo, California - Caregiver for her son
- Cheryl W. from Denver, Colorado - Caregiver for her grandmother
- Patricia G. from San Antonio, Texas - Caregiver for her daughter

The 5 runners-up are: Megan F., caregiver for her grandfather; Linda K., hospice nurse; Danielle B., caregiver for her daughter; Linda S., caregiver for mother and Darla V., caregiver for her son. This year, Shield HealthCare received a total of 493 inspirational stories.

Winners were selected by a panel of three judges:

- Sandra Mitchell, CBS 2/KCAL 9 News Anchor
- Dave Aguilera of Denver CBS4 News
- Kelli Kelly, founder of handtohold.org

All winners received an American Express Gift Card and a 1-year subscription to *Today's Caregiver Magazine*. Shield HealthCare's “What Makes Caregiving Rewarding” story contest is designed to create awareness and recognition of the role of caregivers. Grand prize winner Patricia G. in San Antonio, Texas wrote, “I understand what matters most: that even if Katie never develops to the level of many other children that she develop to the greatest possible level that she can. The reward is in knowing that I have been the best parent and caregiver that I can be and that Katie has the opportunity to enjoy a full life. Her smiles, laughs and hugs reinforce that we are being successful in that endeavor and that she is being successful in the sheer exercise of living. A goal we all can embrace.”

The winning caregiver stories are posted on Shield HealthCare's website at <http://www.shieldhealthcare.com/caring>.

Shield HealthCare also announces its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Readers' Choice Contest, allowing additional caregiver stories from "What Makes Caregiving Rewarding?" contest to receive acclaim and recognition from the voting public. The top 3 winners selected by public vote will be recognized on Shield HealthCare's website in early February 2015. Vote for your favorite caregiving story at: [www.shieldhealthcare.com/readerschoice](http://www.shieldhealthcare.com/readerschoice). Official rules are posted on this website.

#### About Shield HealthCare

Since 1957, Shield HealthCare has been an industry leader focused on meeting the medical supply needs of families and caregivers at home. Shield HealthCare provides high quality disposable medical products including Incontinence, Enteral Nutrition, Ostomy, Urological and Wound supplies. Shield HealthCare operates ten locations, serving California, Colorado, Washington, Illinois and Texas.

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