

GT Care Awards – 2021 Nominations



Abigail H.

Abigail is nominated for helping to take care of her brother. “I am thankful that I can help care for my brother to give my mom a break and give him a break from his normal routine. Being a caregiver is a tough job, but when everyone helps out it makes it easier and more enjoyable. My favorite part of taking care of my brother is being able to do arts and crafts with him and go on walks. Every time he sees me, he points at the elliptical machine, he knows how much I encourage him to maintain an active lifestyle and I love that about him,” says Abigail.

Adrian L.

Adrian is nominated by her husband for the care she provides to him. “She is a wonderful, loving and patient person. Without her I don’t think I would have made it. She helps me with everything and is such a blessing to me! She is by my side every step of the way and is committed to helping me get better,” says Bernard.

Afton

Afton is nominated as the caregiver of the mother of her best friend. “I couldn’t be any more pleased with my job. I had a baby in 2019 and she was my rock at the time. She still lets me bring him to work and he knows her as Grammy,” says Afton.

Aggie W.

Aggie is nominated for always helping when Kelly can’t find anyone else. She will drive Kelly to appointments, do her laundry, help with food prep and other things. This is on top of helping her own family. “I don’t know how she does so much, and she does it all cheerfully,” says Kelly.

Alex

Alex is nominated because he is his mother’s full time caregiver. He left his life in another state to move home and care for his mom. Alex’s brother states that his mother has a better quality of life and her health has improved dramatically with Alex as her caregiver. “Alex deserves the world, he definitely has our gratitude and appreciation,” says Alex’s brother.

Alice H.

Jeane nominates Alice, who is the grandmother and caregiver for her son, Jake. After Jake became ill, Alice moved from CT to FL to help out and make sure her family wasn’t alone. Alice made the ultimate sacrifice and continues to help with Jake. In Alice’s eyes, Jake’s health, happiness, needs, and wants comes before anything else. Alice will do anything to put a smile on his face or to make his day a bit more bearable. Jeane says, “Jake and I are truly blessed to have Alice here with us. We don’t know what we would do without her.”

Alicia M.

Me estoy nominando, cuido a la señora Alicia Martínez una persona encantadora, me gusta mi trabajo y lo que hago. Ellos son una familia extraordinaria. Este trabajo me ha regalado una familia

Alissa

Maggie nominates caregiver Alissa, who she says is a “rock in our lives that we are so grateful for. We have been blessed to have her in our lives for more than 10 years. She and Whitney do so many things together from classes to exercise, cooking, and volunteering. We have been privileged to watch Alissa grow while remaining a constant for my Whitney. Thank you, Alissa!”

Alissa E.

Alissa is nominated as a caregiver with a heart of gold and the patience of a saint. No matter how hard the job is, she takes the time to talk to Catherine and share her life and spiritual journey. "It takes a special person to be a caregiver and friend and I am truly blessed to have her in my life, she is amazing," says Catherine.

Allison H.

I am nominating Allison Harris. She has been a caregiver to her intellectually disabled sister her entire life. She has been a caregiver, friend and sister, helping Hayley be the best person she can be. She has shown extraordinary patience, kindness, and empathy. Allison has been Hayley's advocate, helping her through the hard days and the good days. Allison has been a blessing to help support Hayley!

Alyssa F.

Barbara nominates her daughter's caregiver Alyssa. She says, "For Alyssa, there is nothing my daughter Emma cannot do! Alyssa encourages her and teaches her something new every day. She takes her to the park, farm, museum, garden, anywhere Emma can socialize and see new things. Through Alyssa's determination, she has given me hope that my daughter, who has a rare syndrome (Cri du Chat), understands more than I thought. Thank you, Alyssa, for being Emma's best friend, teacher, and caregiver!"

Alyssa S.

Alyssa is nominated for caring for Ollie. Alyssa is dedicated and kind and Ollie loves her so much!

Amancia M.

Amancia is nominated as the caregiver of Mirian's mother who has Alzheimer's. "Amancia is compassionate, patient, responsible and has all my mother's trust. She is the best caregiver I could ever imagine," says Mirian.

Amanda R.

Amanda is nominated for being Julie's caregiver. "She helps me through everything, she goes above and beyond. She has become family and takes the time to do extra care for my animals as well. Her heart is bigger than anyone else's," says Julie.

Ana T.

Ana is nominated for not only being a wonderful and sweet caregiver but also someone who will go the extra mile for her patients. Ana's patient's family says that it has been a blessing to have her and thanks her for amazing service and dedication.

Andrea

Caregiver Andrea is nominated by Veronica. "She is the caregiver to Ximena and a loving person."

Andrea M.

Andrea is nominated for providing care to her cousin, Joshua. Andrea loves spending time with Joshua. "Andrea is a blessing and does a lot of fun outings with Josh and also works on goals with him," says Joshua's family.

Andrea V.

Andrea is nominated for being a wonderful caregiver and big help with Ximena.

Andrew L.

Lillian nominates her caregiver, her son Andrew. She explains, "He has been my caregiver for several years and is so caring towards me. Even though he is a young man with his own life, he takes care of me. He makes me feel like I can do just as much as anyone else. He has no idea how his precious time makes feel so special. So, to my son, thank you!"

Angie B.

Angie is nominated for caring for her son, Tyler. She has cared for Tyler 24/7 for the past 11 years as he is nonverbal and immobile as a result of cardiac arrest and now has an anoxic brain injury. "I'm so thankful to be able to stay home and care for him. It's been the best possible situation for him. He is my sunshine and I'm so thankful to be his caregiver," says Angie.

Ann C.

Ann is nominated by Leslie for being the caregiver for her son, John. Ann has consistently sparked progress in John who suffered a TBI. John now walks on a regular basis. Ann gets him out in the community daily whether for therapy or rides around town listening to country music. "Ann is extremely reliable, caring and a great addition to our family," says Leslie.

Ann H.

Ann is nominated for being an outstanding caregiver for Tamara's grandmother. Ann goes above and beyond what she needs to do including spending overnights and buying meals. Tamara says, "She lives to serve, and that is the greatest gift any of us could give."

Annette M.

Annette is nominated for being a caregiver to Comer's mother-in-law. "She volunteered for the job and her dedication has never stopped. Not only does she care for my mother-in-law, but she helps me and my grandson. She even helps when not scheduled, which has been many times since I lost my husband. She goes above and beyond, and I don't know where I'd be without her," shares Comer.

Annie G.

Annie is nominated for being a phenomenal caregiver to her son, Jerome. "She always goes above and beyond what is required of her. She is truly an example of faith and love in action. Jerome had a stroke in 2010 which resulted in paralysis of his left side. She has made major lifestyle changes to accommodate Jerome, such as making renovations to her home to make it wheelchair accessible throughout and conquering a court battle to gain a visitation schedule with her grandson so that Jerome can maintain a relationship with his child. She is the sole caretaker for Jerome and selflessly cares for him around the clock. She always puts the needs of others before her own. Jerome is always properly groomed, Annie even learned how to cut hair so he has a personal in-house barber. She masters any skill needed to provide the best care. A few years ago, my grandfather had a stroke and she nursed him back to health while still being the sole caregiver for Jerome. She handles all these responsibilities tirelessly and without complaint. Throughout all of this, she has remained active in her church and community. Somehow, she even finds time to be a blessing and babysit for her neighbor. My grandmother has always

carried this taxing responsibility with an immeasurable amount of grace, even while recovering from her own surgery and health challenges. She is excellent at creating solutions to provide the best care possible, no matter what the need is. Her sacrifice and dedication is unmatched and does not go unnoticed. Without her unconditional love and care, it would be impossible for our family to thrive. We are truly grateful for her and no one is more deserving of recognition than our superwoman, Annie,” says her grandson Devin.

Antoinette W.

Lisa nominates her caregiver Antoinette. Lisa says, “Antoinette is a good caregiver. She takes good care of me and is always patient with me. She sings to me, and she helps me make plans for the holidays. I love how she treats me.”

Arlene C.

Arlene is nominated as a caregiver to Mickey. Arlene has worked with Mickey for the past two years and says, “She has no relatives, lives by herself, and can barely help herself. I made a promise to be with her, and as a caregiver, I give her immaculate care.”

Arlette W.

Arlette is nominated for being a caregiver to her father. “I’m the caregiver to my wonderful dad. I enjoy being with him every day. Getting him to smile makes my day with him special,” she says.

Ashley B.

Callan nominates her daughter’s caregiver, Ashley. “She has been taking care of my daughter since January. She is a true blessing and works so hard to take the best care of my daughter.”

Ashley B.

Ashley is nominated for taking care of her grandma. Ashley considers it an honor to be her grandma’s caregiver.

Ashley D.

Ashley is nominated for being a wonderful caregiver. She goes out of her way to make sure Dan is well taken care of.

Austin G.

Austin is nominated by his mother, Susan, who he cares for. Austin lives with his mother and goes above and beyond in caring for her. He is kind, caring and thinks of others and is always willing to help. Susan says, “He always knows what to do for me and has always done a fantastic job. I am extremely grateful for him.”

Autumn M.

Autumn is nominated for taking care of her mother-in-law, Kathy. “She is such a joy to take care of. She does everything with us and makes every day a pleasure,” says Autumn.

Barb G.

Barb is nominated for taking care of her son for his entire life. Barb always treats her son as normal as possible and even though he does very little talking, she knows he understands everything. She says her son is the joy of her life.

Barb K.

Barb is nominated for providing loving care to Ami and Heena by their mother, Kalpana. "She originally signed up to work eight hours per week, but now she has gone way above and beyond that. Barb always shows up on time to work her shift. She never calls in sick. Even during the height of Covid-19, she worked faithfully every week. Because of Covid-19, many of our staff quit, but not Barb. She picked up lots of extra shifts during Covid-19 and now she is working 20 or more hours per week. This is not easy for her since she has a lot of other responsibilities in her life. When one of our daughters is giving us a hard time, we often call Barb and she comes right over to help us calm our daughter down. She has gotten to know each of our daughters well and relates to them according to their personalities. She knows how to understand them, calm them, cheer them up and respond to their communication. Barb never complains about the work and she has a smile on her face as she works with the girls. She sings to them, plays with them, takes them outdoors for fresh air and gives them just what each one needs," says Kalpana.

Becky S.

Becky is nominated for taking care of her mom. She loves caring for her mom and doing the shopping and errands so her mom doesn't have to. Becky is very much appreciated for all her hard work!

Ben M.

Ben is nominated as an amazing young man and caregiver. Ben is always there to help when he is asked. He is a strong young man spiritually and physically and those he cares for feel blessed to have him.

Betty S.

Betty is a nominated caregiver. She says, "Being a caregiver is a very special occupation. It takes love, patience, and understanding. It's knowing that your purpose is just what it says, to care for those who are not able to do so by themselves, and then to give of yourself that which is needed. Sometimes it may mean giving a little bit more than you expected on a particular day, however, be willing to do more. Even though there are challenges, there are solutions."

Brandon R.

Jennifer nominates her husband Brandon for caring for her after a brain surgery went wrong. "I went from being a nurse to needing someone all the time. The doctors wanted to give up and call in hospice but Brandon fought for my life, found a surgeon and I lived. I lost most of my memory for the past few years, need help cooking, cleaning, bathing, walking, picking out clothes and what to eat. Still the love of my life takes care of me every day without a break. He is the best caregiver and fiancé anyone could ask for, plus he raises our two kids," says Jennifer.

Brenda S.

Brenda is nominated for providing wonderful care for Darlene's daughter. "She's awesome," says Darlene.

Brianna L.

Brianna is nominated for being her brother's caregiver. "Brianna goes above and beyond for Blake and her family. She is a true advocate for people with special needs. She helped her brother attend homecoming along with many talent shows and other community events. She is a wonderful, caring person," says Theresa.

Brittney L.

Brittney is nominated for caring for Mason for 19 faithful years. Mason calls her remarkable!

Caitlin T.

Nina nominates Caitlin, caregiver to her daughter Madelyn. "Caitlin is absolutely amazing. From day one, she and my daughter have had a bond. Caitlin always knows how to calm Madelyn down. It's like she reads her needs perfectly and addresses them immediately. Madelyn is non-verbal and has Cornelia De Lange syndrome. She is small for her age and has developmental delays. Caitlin is dependable, loving, and caring. She is a part of our family and goes on family outings to help care for Madelyn. I don't know what we would do without her. We are so thankful and blessed that she came into our lives to help make our sweet girl's life more enjoyable. She has no idea how grateful we are for all she does," shares Nina.

Candy L.

Candy is nominated by her daughter Terri. "She has been my daughter's caretaker for the last three years. My daughter is autistic and my mom helps by giving my husband and me time to get together and focus on us. Being parents of a special needs teenager can be stressful and if we are not our best, we can't give our daughter our best. My mom allows us to rest and destress so that we can always be our best. She is our best when we can't be," says Terri.

Paula's daughter (unnamed)

Paula would like to nominate her daughter for being her caregiver. Paula says, "My health struggles started at a younger age and she cares for me even though she's young herself! She helps with household things even though she has her own household to care for. I am so very proud of and thankful for her!"

Carly A.

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Carmen C.

Hola mi nombre es Carmen Chacon, cuido a la señora Alicia Martínez.. ella es un encanto y estoy agradecida a Dios por conocerla y poder estar junto a ella

Carmen L.

I nominate Carmen Laboy. She goes out her way to take care of me. She takes care of me 24/7 most of the time.

Carolina C.

Hola soy Carolina Cruz y quiero nominarme por se la cuidadora de domingo es también mi padre aquí amo muchísimo le agradezco a gtcareawards por Aser la vida más fácil a mi padre Domingo Cruz estoy muy agradecida.es mi primer año con esta agencia la recomiendo para aquellos que nesesitan un cuidador en la casa gracias #caregiversrock #GTCareAwards gracias

Catherine's caregiver (unnamed)

Catherine nominates her caregiver for being loving and caring. Catherine says, "She has gone above and beyond my expectations. She has made my life so much easier than I thought possible. She's an awesome person!"

Cecilia C.

Cecilia is nominated by her sister for being an exceptional caregiver to their mother. "She had a great job and gave that up to care for our mom who requires 24/7 care. I go to work every day with ease in my mind knowing that she is in the best hands possible. I couldn't be more thankful for Cecilia and all she does," says Joanne.

Chandra L.

Chandra is nominated as the caregiver of her grandmother. Chandra says, "My heart led me to what I truly love. As much as I help and do for her, she has helped me with her unwavering faith, funny old stories to make me laugh, and telling me little helpful hints when it comes to cooking. There's absolutely nothing I wouldn't do for her. I would never leave her. It's such a joy to learn and listen to her. Sometimes I wonder who's helping whom!"

Charla P.

Charla is nominated for taking care of her sister. Charla enjoys taking care of her and spending time with her. Charla is happy to have her sister at home.

Chelsey

Chelsey is nominated for taking care of her grandfather with Alzheimer's. She covers all the shifts she can to keep him home and loved like only family can.

Cherie D.

Cherie is nominated by her daughter for being her caregiver. "She is not only my caregiver, she is my mother and best friend. She does a lot for me," says Ann.

Cheryl S.

Paula and her husband are nominating their caregiver, Cheryl. Paula says, "Cheryl is more than a caregiver to us! She has a big job taking care of us. We are both disabled and count on Cheryl to help us through life. She is more like our family. Cheryl has gone above and beyond what a caregiver would normally do. She is always available if we have a problem or an emergency. We trust and love Cheryl, are so thankful for her, are very blessed to have her, and pray that other people will be blessed to have as wonderful a caregiver. Thank you, Cheryl. You are priceless to us, and we are truly blessed."

Chris J.

I would like to nominate Chris Jones for his outstanding work.

Chris S.

Heidi would like to nominate her husband Chris. After head-on car crash right before their wedding, Heidi was bedridden for months. Chris stayed with her every second, only taking time away to care for his mom who had Alzheimer's. All while being there for his dad, running the house, and working 40 hours a week. Heidi says, "This man never complained of anything and always was there for me with a smile on his face. Chris is an unselfish, compassionate, loving human being! This incredible man who is mine. I often wondered what I did to deserve him. It's his nature, down in his core, to take care of people. I feel extremely lucky because he is now my husband and caretaker. And I could not ask for a more caring, more compassionate, more loving man."

Chris S.

Chris is nominated for his genuine concern, respect and kindness.

Christian S.

I would like to nominate my caregiver Christian. He's my life saver. Christian has been taking care of me for over a year before being able to pay him. I have RSD and have been dealing with it since 10/96. There is no cure for it and it gets worse as the years pass. Christian is there for me day and night even off the clock. He lives across the street from me. Christian is my angel. I have had other caregivers, but I couldn't of asked for a better one to care for me. I have been blessed.

Cindi B.

Cindi is nominated for being the caregiver for Darlene's daughter. "Cindi provides wonderful care for my daughter, she is amazing," says Darlene.

Cindi B.

Cindi is nominated for her work as Ellie's respite worker. "She's hands down the best respite worker I've ever had and we're like family. She's always there for me and we have the best times together," says Ellie.

Cindy D.

Cindy is nominated for being a caregiver.

Cj S.

Cj is nominated for not only takes care of Kellie, the pets, and the house, but also doing it all in love with a smile. Kellie says, "I am so thankful for the joy she brings to the home and for the good healthcare I receive. I am most blessed."

Cynthia B.

Cynthia is nominated for being her mother's caregiver. Cynthia considers it an honor to care for her mother and spend time with her.

Dakira B.

Dakira is nominated for taking care of her uncle, son and mother. Dakira quit her job to care for her family full time and she says she "thanks God every day as she is truly fulfilled and feels needed."

Danielle H.

Danielle is nominated for being Jacqui's caregiver. "We do everything together. I don't have grandkids so when she brings her boys over, I consider them my grandkids and they call me grandma, which is the best feeling in the world. I do a garden every summer with her youngest son. I love to garden and he is a huge help and he also loves to do it with me. Danielle goes above and beyond what a normal caregiver would do. Danielle remembers everything that I forget when I go to doctor's appointments or when I get my chemo. Danielle is like a daughter to me and I can't say enough how much I appreciate her and what she does for me. I am grateful to have her and I wouldn't change her for the world," says Jacqui.

Darlene R.

Darlene is nominated as a caregiver who has a beautiful spirit. She is really appreciated!

Darnette A.

I am the Caregiver to Ms. Phillips. I'm loyal to my job and go above and beyond my duties. I'm loving and always the listening ear when no one else cares to hear it.

Dawn A.

Dawn is nominated by her daughter, Emily, for the care she gives her. "She makes me laugh or smile even in the toughest situations. When I have hospital stays, the nurses don't do as good of a job as she does! I don't know what I'd do without her," says Emily.

Deanna L.

Deanna L. is nominated for being the most selfless, caring, and dependable caregiver Gwen has ever had. In a year and a half, she has never called out or missed a shift. She has never made Gwen feel like a job! She is patient and helps Gwen feel like she still has dignity, even with her limitations. The world needs more people like Deanna!

Deb V.

Kendra nominates Deb, who is a wonderful caregiver for Joe and Nathan. "I am thankful for Deb and all of her hard work. She works endless hours to ensure Joe and Nathan can achieve all their dreams. Deb has the patience and drive to be one of the best caregivers, and she helps all caregivers find their passion and drive as well. Deb always offers a helping hand, a positive attitude, and is so encouraging. She strives to always do her best and gives 110%. I am so thankful for her, and all caregivers," says Kendra.

Debra W.

My name is Lisa and I would like to nominate my dad's caregiver Debra. She is awesome, dependable, and goes beyond her job description. She treats my dad like family. She has been such a blessing to our family!

Denise C.

Denise is nominated for taking wonderful care of Teri's mom who is soon to be 100-years-old. "She's been a total God send to our family, we wouldn't know what to do without her. She takes wonderful care of my mom and is such a blessing to be around," said Teri.

Derell H.

Mom is the most important person to Derell, nominated as her caregiver. Derell shares, "I dedicated my life to helping mom as her caregiver. When my sister passed away, my mom was headed downhill. She is more important to me than my life, and she always will be. She needs me more than ever, and I will always be here for her."

Donna

Donna is nominated for caregiving. She is always there for her client and her client's family.

Dora E.

Dora has been nominated for caring for Elizabeth's daughter. Elizabeth says that Dora has gone above and beyond for her daughter and been an incredible support to her. "Dora takes time out of her day just

to check in on how we are doing; she has been a sympathetic ear and encouraging friend. She has been the support system I have been missing in my life - pretty impressive as she has many other clients, just finished her master's degree, and has two beautiful daughters of her own. Dora has been light on my dark days. Truly, she has been such a blessing to us both, I can't imagine how we ever got on without her. I went nearly a year and a half without a break and within a couple months, Dora had set up my daughter with respite care. She is always sharing resources and offering helpful suggestions. What's more - she has the same dedication and passion with every person she works for!

I've told Dora more than once 'you're my favorite person I've never met' - Covid has prevented us from meeting face to face, but the bond I have with this amazing woman is strong. You can't possibly imagine what it's like to have someone else care about your kid when you've had nobody. She feels like family and we are so grateful for all of her service to us and the community," says Elizabeth.

Dora's daughter (unnamed)

Dora is nominating her caregiver, her daughter. Dora says, "She does a lot for me. She makes sure I have the things I need, and sometimes she goes above what she has to do, like bringing treats for my dog."

Dorothy H.

Dorothy is nominated for taking care of Terrill, her sibling. Dorothy has always looked out for Terrill. "Dorothy is one of the most giving people I know. She sacrificed for me with the selfless act of donating her bone marrow and gave me a second chance for a full and successful life. Thanks to her I socialize, communicate and thrive. I thank God for her and it is my honor to nominate Dorothy and acknowledge the loving and caring individual she has always been," said Terrill.

Eddie D.

Eddie is nominated for being an amazing caregiver who gets any task or service done and keeps providing care.

Ede E.

Ede is nominated by Tonya for being not only a caregiver, but also a friend. Tonya says, "Ede knows how to make anyone's day turn to sunshine and hope. I am so thankful for her and how she helps people with no questions."

Effie O.

Effie is nominated for taking care of her mom. Because of Effie, her mom is able to stay at her home and be around her family.

Emily C.

Emily is nominated for being a rockstar caregiver for Kennedy. Kennedy's mom says, "Despite studying full time and dealing with injuries and illness, Emily has found time to give us a break and take Kennedy on outings to make new friends and be included in her community. Kennedy has grown so much in her independence because of Emily's expert care, we are forever grateful!"

Emily G.

Emily is nominated for caring for her grandmother. "She cares for me 24/7 and spoils me. We have been though so much together and I couldn't have made it without her to lean on. I don't think she realizes how much she does for me," says Janette.

Emma K.

Emma is nominated for taking care of Ashlie's daughter, Skyler. "Emma has been a tremendous help to our family and a true blessing. Skyler absolutely loves her and calls her big sister. It has taken us two years to find an incredible caregiver who cares about Skylar as much as we do," said Ashlie.

Emmy

Emmy is nominated for being a caregiver with many roles: mom, caregiver, nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist, neurologist, pediatrician, gastroenterologist, pulmonologist, orthopedist, scheduler, driver, social chair, social worker, bill payer, special education teacher, dog walker, chef, nutritionist, cheerleader, advocate, and friend. She says, "Cheers to all of us who wear too many hats to count and just keep smiling knowing that the jobs we do are everything to the people whose lives and livelihoods depend on it."

Erin M.

Erin is nominated as a caregiver for her little sisters. She says, "I've been lucky and blessed to help with my little sisters for the last few years. When I first started, my little sisters had a harder time talking and explaining things, so having someone we didn't know coming in the house made my mom a bit nervous (and me, too). GT Independence has given us a wonderful opportunity and put us at ease. There's really nothing better than being around family all day!"

Erlene C.

Erlene is nominated by the children of the woman she has been taking care of for many years, in all kinds of sickness and health. Erlene is kind, compassionate and has the best interest of her patient at heart. "She is so much more than a caregiver, she is part of our family and we love her very much. We know our mom is in good hands, we want her to know how much we love and appreciate all she does," says the family.

Fred H.

Fred is nominated as Kathleen's caregiver. Fred goes above and beyond as a caregiver and helps Kathleen around her home. Kathleen says, "I couldn't ask for a better caregiver. I'm doing great and comfortable in my home."

Fred H.

Kathleen nominates her caregiver Fred. She says, "He's a great caregiver and has been taking care of me for about seven years. That man goes above and beyond. He works a full-time job, and he does a 40-hour-a-week job taking care of me. I feel this man deserves recognition. He's done a great job, and we love you always, Fred!"

Gavin I.

Gavin is nominated for providing care to his grandfather. "Grandpa needs a lot of assistance, thank God for his young man who has such love for his grandpa that he is willing to dedicate his time to care for him," says Gavin's grandmother.

Gennet B.

Gennet is nominated for being the caregiver for her sister. "Most of the family looks up to her, she is always helping others as much as she can. She is very selfless and passionate about helping others," says Gennet's daughter.

Georgina J.

Georgina is nominated for teaching Casey's son, Dylan. "Dylan absolutely loves her and really enjoys learning, drawing and all of the activities they do in class," says Casey.

Gissell H.

Gissell is nominated for being Jonathan's caregiver. "Gissell is always on time and very understanding. She lovingly helps Jonathan with everything he needs. Gissell is responsible and loves her job," says Jonathan's mother.

Glenda T.

Brittany nominates her caregiver, Glenda. She says, "Glenda is absolutely the best. She brought me out of a nursing home, and I have lived with her for two years. She is one-of-a-kind. She helps with all my daily tasks and helps me physically and emotionally. She is the most selfless person I know. God sure blessed me with the best!"

Gloria E.

I am nominating myself because I always put others before me. I love my job, and my patients.

Gregory C.

Gregory is nominated for caring for Kay. "Kay is so blessed to have this man in her life. He has worked with her for a little over a year. He stayed with her when she was hospitalized and shows dedication and support to our family," says Sheree.

Grisell R.

Mi nombre es Grisell y gracias a caregiver puedo cuidar a mi madre.

Haley G.

Haley is nominated for being a caregiver who loves making a difference in someone's life and advocating for them when they can't advocate for themselves. "I'm thankful for health and being able to work," says Haley.

Haley O.

Haley has been nominated for being a phenomenal caregiver to her brother, Bobby. Haley works endless hours and makes a significant difference in Bobby's life. "Haley keeps the laughter alive in our home and does crazy things to break up the monotony of everyday life. She truly deserves to be recognized for her tireless efforts and loyalty. She shows up every single day to make sure Bobby has the best possible day," says Bobby's mom.

Hannah H.

Hannah is nominated for being Elaine's caregiver. "Elaine and I have a bond that can't be broken, she is blind and my eyes guide her, but she actually guides me. She shares her wisdom and knowledge with me and I hope we continue to make many more memories together," says Hannah.

Heather B.

Heather is nominated for the care and devotion to her daughter, Valerie, who was born with a severe form of epilepsy. Heather has taken care of Valerie her entire life as Valerie is unable to take care of herself and has been through numerous brain surgeries.

Heather H.

Heather is nominated for being a caregiver for her brother. She says, “I take care of my brother and I love spend time with him because I love special needs kids and it also gives my mom a chance to do what she likes and get a break. I love help people and making them feel special and let them know that they are important! “

Heather S.

Heather is nominated for treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Heather S.

Heather is nominated for taking care of her brother. She loves to spend time with him and give her mom a chance to have a break. “I love to help people and making them feel special and letting them know that they are important,” says Heather.

Helen C.

Audrey is nominating Helen, the caregiver to her mother and her aunt. Audrey says, “Helen just started in February, but my mom’s home has been so different—lots of sunshine, love, and laughter. She is so selfless, she would give the shirt off her back. It is a pleasure to have a caregiver who genuinely loves their job and the people they work with. I love her dearly.”

Hillary

Hillary is nominated for being Ryan’s caregiver. “Our lives have changed since Hillary started working for our family. Because of her I am able to go to work guilt free, I can rest assured that all of my daughter’s needs will be met and my daughter will be loved the way I do while I am away. Hillary exceeds any and all expectations and goes above and beyond to be the best caregiver possible for our daughter. She attends every therapy session, implements the therapist’s recommendations into Ryan’s daily schedule, attends doctor appointments, and is constantly learning new exercises and how to use adaptive equipment all to help our daughter reach her full potential. She reads with Ryan daily, finds creative ways to do arts and crafts with her even though Ryan’s mobility is extremely limited. Taking care of a child with special needs can be overwhelming at times, but Hillary does it with love and grace. We are so blessed to have her as a part of our family,” says Parker.

Holly R.

Holly is nominated for taking care of Richard. Richard says he would be lost without Holly and all she does for him. She cares and advocates for him which allows him to live at home with Holly and their nine-year-old son.

Hope T.

Hope is nominated for taking care of her mom. Hope says, “It is a lot of hard work, but she is worth it!”

Israel

Israel is nominated for taking care of his mother day and night. He had his mother move in with him to take care of her full-time after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s/dementia. “He is such an amazing man, he put everything on hold and left his job to make her his priority. He hangs out with her, cooks, cleans, takes

her to appointments and shopping as well as anything else she needs. He is truly a blessing,” says Sandy.

Jacqueline K.

Jacqueline is nominated for being a caregiver.

Jacqueline R.

Jaqueline R. was nominated by Erin for being her son’s caregiver. Erin says, “She is kind, patient, and nurturing, and was brought into our lives at EXACTLY the right time. Ms. Jackie lovingly pushes Spencer to try new things and be more independent. “Caregiver” is not a strong enough word to describe her, she is family.”

Jacqueline S.

Jacqueline is nominated for being Tony’s caregiver. She is also Tony’s sister and Tony’s mom says, “She has been there for her brother from day one and now has the privilege of caring for him. I don’t know that I’d do without her!”

James B.

James is nominated by his wife, Sharrika, for caring for their daughter Mazzanni. “Our lives changed tremendously after our daughter suffered an anoxic hypoxic brain injury. We struggled to work full time and become full time caretakers. Until my amazing husband decided to leave his job and start the job he loves the most, taking care of our daughter. He does it amazingly well. My husband is the best caretaker I could have prayed for, he is a father, husband, caregiver and hero,” says Sharrika.

James N.

James is nominated for caring for KayDence compassionately. “He is patient and constantly reads about her condition and comes up with the best games with her. She adores him and so do we,” says Sheree.

Jason L.

Jason L is nominated for being incredible. Words can’t begin to describe how amazing he is. Mary says, “He is our gentle giant! Watching him care for his teen sister and how gentle and caring he is with her makes your eyes tear up. Even though he has own special needs son, he is still there for his sister with open arms!”

Jay R.

Jay is nominated for being a live in caregiver for Deanna. “I couldn’t ask for a better caregiver. She took me on vacation with her to Mackinaw Island and I had a wonderful time. It doesn’t matter what needs done, she is there to do it. I think she deserves special recognition for all she does,” says Deanna.

Jayson P.

Jayson is nominated for taking care of his stepmother. Jayson helps around the house and makes sure all her needs are met and that she is happy. “She needs me just as much as I need her and it makes me happy to be there for her,” says Jayson

Jean B.

Jean is nominated by Marcella as her daughter’s caregiver. Marcella says, “We wouldn’t have make it though the isolation of the pandemic without Jean’s care and encouragement! Nearly three years ago, Jean volunteered to give us respite while my daughter was hospitalized and she has been there for us

ever since! Once as a friend and now as a caregiver.”

Jeneria S.

Jeneria is nominated as the caregiver of Angelique. Jeneria says, “I have been with Angelique for many years and have enjoyed every day I have spent with her. I have learned so much about how to be patient and compassionate and how to communicate so that she understands me. Being her caregiver has given me a more positive attitude about how to make sure her needs are met with great care. Every day is one of thanksgiving, as I get the honor and pleasure of caring for such an angel. Angelique is such a beautiful, charismatic, gifted lady whose smile brightens up everyone’s hearts.”

Jennifer L.

Jennifer is nominated for being Cindy’s caregiver for 13 years. “We’ve become not just friends but family, she has definitely watched me grow as much as I have helped her grow. I love our friendship and wouldn’t trade her for anything,” says Jennifer.

Jesse

Kerrienne and Jesse are caregivers both in healthcare and at home for their youngest, who has autism and is non-verbal. Kerrienne is nominating Jesse because, “I have been staying home for our son’s therapy and appointments, while Jesse goes to work. Lately, he has been picking up extra shifts so that people needing care don’t go without. He is single-handedly working to provide for us and to allow me to be home with our kids. Whether or not he is chosen for this award, we choose him as our husband and father every day!”

Jessica

Maggie nominates caregiver Jessica. Maggie says, “Jessica is a blessing! She has been working with Whitney for about 12 years and has even arranged her schedule around Whitney. They volunteer together and are always trying new things. Whitney is a better person for having Jessica in her life. Thank you, Jess!”

Jessica K.

Jessica is nominated by her husband Richard for being his caregiver. Richard calls Jessica an amazing caregiver, wife and mother.

Jesus A.

Me llamo Jesús abad y cuido a mi madre durante toda la pandemia por su enfermedad,tuve que dejar mi trabajo y no me arrepiento,gracias Gt independencia por su apoyo

Jillian P.

Jillian is nominated for being an incredible caregiver for Isaac. They love to bake together, play games, do crafts and go shopping. She is his favorite person to hang out with. Deb says, “We are so thankful that, even though she is now a NICU nurse, she still takes time to help care for her brother.”

Jodi G.

Jodi is nominated for taking care of her mother. Others have seen Jodi’s careful care of her mother even

during difficult times. Jodi left her job to take on the responsibility of caring for her mother.

Joey T.

Joey is nominated for being an amazing, kind, caring and compassionate caregiver for Susan. Susan says Joey knows just how to make her happy whether it's doing housekeeping or knowing when she needs someone to listen. "I feel safe and secure when she's around. And she makes sure I drink plenty of fluids," says Susan.

John P.

John is my son Christopher's caregiver and he is awesome! My son loves him! He gets so excited to see him everyday! He is a blessing! I hope he wins. He deserves it!

John S.

John is nominated for being his brother's caregiver. "I am truly grateful to have John as my caregiver. What's so ironic and beautiful about John being my caregiver is that when he was a baby I had to bathe and help take care of him since I was the oldest and my mother worked two jobs. There's an old saying that 'what goes around comes around' and I just recently found out that that is not always in a bad way. It's the ultimate blessing for me to know how much my little brother loves me to do personal things for me, God bless him and keep him and I love him," says Azealea.

Johnnie S.

Johnnie is nominated for being Gina's caregiver. Gina says, "He goes above and beyond his duties! Johnnie does my laundry, grocery shopping, cooks all my meals, cleans my house from top to bottom, picks up my medications, takes me to my doctor appointments, and helps me bathe. He's really an awesome guy and caregiver."

Jolene M.

Jolene is nominated as a dedicated caregiver.

Jon W.

Jon is a nominated caregiver with GT. He says, "I help my client stay independent. I take him grocery shopping, help with household chores, and volunteer with him at an animal shelter. I'm dedicated and put lots of effort in supporting his goals. It feels good to make a difference."

Jordan P.

Chanel nominates her caregiver, her daughter Jordan. "She truly is a God-sent angel. She's been instrumental in helping me heal—spirit, soul and body. By taking me to the doctor, specialist, and hospital and to church, shopping, and other places too difficult to handle on my own, I have come a long way. I feel like I can smile again and finish some of my goals. I watched Jordan face many battles, but she never skipped a beat taking care of me. She goes the extra mile and always puts my needs first. She is patient, understanding, and forgiving," says Chanel.

Jose A.

Jose is nominated for being a blessing as Donna's caregiver. "He always helps me with all my personal care needs and also keeps the house clean and ensures I make it to my medial appointments. He is such a blessing to me and I am so proud to call him my caregiver and my husband," says Donna.

Jose D.

Sandra is nominating Jose, her husband, best friend, and caregiver. She says, "He has been by my side since the beginning of my multiple sclerosis diagnosis. He takes care of me, makes me laugh, watches over me, makes sure that I am comfortable, and makes sure I have everything I need. We have been together for 35 years, and he has gone through all my ups and downs with my disease. He is so compassionate when I don't feel good; he does everything in his power to make me feel better. He is the best caregiver that someone like me could ever ask for."

Joyce V.

Joyce is nominated for taking care of Michele 24/7. "There are so many who are not nearly as fortunate as Michele to have someone so dedicated to their care. Joyce's care and love is endless," says Michele's sister.

Julie F.

Julie is nominated for being her mother's full-time caretaker in her home for the past five years including eight months as her hospice caretaker. Julie's mother peacefully passed in October.

Julie S.

Julie is nominated for being a caregiver for over a decade. She works seven days a week to ensure her clients are taken care of. "It has been said that there is no greater honor than to take care of those in need. I truly believe this and press on even during tough times," says Julie.

June C.

June is nominated for taking care of her mother. "I'm so grateful to be able to spend time with her, she lives with me so I can get her ready for appointments and shopping. I can't imagine anything different," says June.

Justin M.

Justin is nominated for being a caregiver.

Justin P.

Justin is nominated for providing daily care to Penny's brother. "I never have to worry about my brother getting the care he needs. Justin communicates with me always and helps me in his spare time. He shows so much compassion and patience, I couldn't ask for more," says Penny.

Kaitlynn A.

Kaitlynn is nominated for being a caregiver who never complains, is always there when she is needed and does things the way her mother prefers.

Kassidy M.

Kassidy is nominated for being a caregiver to her 97-year-old client. Kassidy is so glad to work with her client and do what's best for him.

Katelyn E.

Katelyn is nominated for being Kelly's caregiver. "She is absolutely a blessing, she goes above and beyond her duties. She never misses a day and meets my every need without hesitation. She has saved my life with her quick response more than once. I'd be nothing without her," says Kelly.

Kathy N.

Kathy is nominated for caring for Ezra. "I love that God brought Ezra into my life! My life is better with him in it," says Kathy.

Kayla B.

Kayla is nominated for being a caregiver to June's son James and his wife Kristen. "They would not have been able to live independently for the last nine years without Kayla. She is loving, dependable, committed, honest and puts in very long hours. We love and appreciate you, Kayla," says June.

Kechia J.

Kechia is nominated as the caregiver of her son. A cancer survivor with personal health issues, Kechia puts her faith in God. "I'm so thankful to be my son's caregiver because he is my strength, he inspires me, and he motivates me each day God blesses me to see another day. I go above and beyond to make sure my son is taken care of and his needs are met. There is nothing I wouldn't do for him, and I wouldn't change him for the world," shares Kechia.

Kelly J.

Kelly is nominated as a caregiver who loves her job and the work she does for people. "The lady I care for is so kind and generous and I love going above and beyond to do small or big things to make her life better. She makes my job fun and I look forward to coming in to work," says Kelly.

Keysheildria A.

Keysheildria has been nominated by Loretta for being her husband's caregiver. "I don't know how we would survive without her help. She knows just what my husband needs before he knows. She's very efficient and I think I might have to adopt her I love her that much," said Loretta.

Kim

Kim is nominated for being a backup caregiver.

Kim P.

I want to nominate Kim. She's the only worker I've ever had that stuck by me and still works for me. Everyday she goes out of her way to make sure that I am okay and have what I need. She's a wonderful worker.

Kim S.

Richard would want to nominate Kim Smith. My caregiver who has given me a better life, with all she does, while always laughing and smiling.

Kim T.

Chase nominated his mom Kim. Chase says, "She has been my caregiver for my whole life. But in 2019 she went far beyond my expectations when she decided to help me attend college. I am expecting to graduate in the spring and this would never have been possible without her."

Kristi G.

Craig would like to nominate Kristi Giddings for her service throughout COVID-19. When no other help was available, she kept Craig active and healthy.

Kristin W.

Kristin is nominated for being a caregiver to Christine's mom. "She is a blessing in my mom's life. She is always there when my mom needs her no matter what time of day. I don't know what we would do without her, I love her to death," says Christine.

Kyla B.

Laura nominates her caregiver, her niece Kyla. "Kyla is my rock! She gives me physical and emotional support. When my day seems so dark, she brings sunshine just with her smile. She makes me feel like everything will be okay. She has a heart of gold," says Laura.

Laura

Laura is nominated for caring for her daughter, Siobhan, who sustained a spinal cord injury resulting in quadriplegia. "My mom and I have always been close, but my injury has brought us even closer, we're best friends. She takes care of me and my dad all while maintaining our household and having a part time job. She is the strongest, hardest working person I know," says Siobhan.

Lauren M.

Lauren is nominated for providing wonderful care for Darlene's daughter. "She rocks!" says Darlene.

Leeanna W.

Leeanna is nominated for being a great caregiver. "I don't know what I would do without her. She is very compassionate, understanding, gentle and kind," says Ann.

Leticia G.

Mi nombre es Leticia y soy caregiver de mi esposo, Raul estoy agradecida de poder hacer esto por el y mis hijos. Gracias a todos por la ayuda que nos brindan en esta tarea tan triste.

Leticia M.

Leticia is nominated for taking care of her parents seven days a week at home. "It is an honor for me to give them the love and help. I love them." says Leticia.

Lia C.

Lia is nominated as a caregiver who does this work to fulfill her need to be of service to people and make a difference. "I would do just about anything for my client, even catch his pet lizard that was on the loose in the yard! My client is always grateful but I am too. I want him to have the best quality of life possible," says Lia.

Linda H.

Linda is nominated as the primary caregiver of her grandparents. Linda's grandfather passed way in July. He lived with Linda and required round the clock care. Linda's grandmother lives with her and requires full time care as well. Linda says, "I consider it an honor and privilege to have my grandparents and see them through this phase of their lives. They are my heart and soul, my sunshine!"

Linda P.

Theresia nominates her husband's caregiver, Linda. She says, "I thank God for all she does for me and my husband. She is God's gift to glory. She has always been on time and helps me with my husband; he loves her so much. I don't know what I would do without her in my family life. It's like having a mom here. Thank you, Linda, we love you!"

Lindsay

Lindsay is nominated for caring for his mother-in-law. He provides 24 hour care, makes sure she gets to all of her appointments and plays her favorite Motown hits during the trip!

Lisa

Lisa is nominated for being Cynthia's caregiver. "She always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She helps me with everything and doesn't make me feel uncomfortable at all which is very important. Lisa is very attentive to my needs and is positive and uplifting all the time. I don't know what I'd do without her," says Cynthia.

Lisa S.

Lisa is nominated for caring for her mom. "I lost my job due to the pandemic and went home to care for my mom so she did not have to move into assisted living. I'm honored and blessed to have this chance to help and take care of her even though she doesn't remember me," says Lisa.

Lizabeth G.

Me llamo Juan y agradezco a GT Independence por permitirme poder nominar a mi Care Giver, Lisbeth quien hace un extraordinario trabajo. Ella es un gran ser humano con muchas cualidades. La mas importante es que es amorosa y muy atenta. Siempre pendiente de mi . Me ayuda en Todo lo que necesito y me lleva y Trae a medico y realmente hace un gran trabajo!!

Lorrain J.

Lorrain is nominated for being a caregiver who makes the individuals she supports feel like family. She goes above and beyond for all of them. She helps them get jobs, get to and from appointments and helps in their homes. She's also started a peer group that meets to bowl and do crafting together. She makes sure that everyone feels like they are a part of their community.

Louise L.

Louise is nominated for caring for her two adult children. "They are awesome, I love being able to help them become more independent," says Louise.

Louise M.

Louise is nominated for caring for many clients, including two special family members, her mother and mother-in-law. "My mother-in-law had many health issues, but I always make sure she knew she was loved, cared for and important. My mom has Alzheimer's, some moments are very hard but we make the best of it. I try to keep her entertained with music, outings, dancing and conversations. I thank God for allowing me to take care of them," says Louise.

Lynsey D.

Lynsey is nominated as the caregiver for Heather. Lynsey has been Heather's wonderful caregiver for 13 years and helped Heather start her small business.

Madison M.

Devaree nominates her son's caregiver Madison. "Madison is an amazing caregiver! She's kind, caring, and so supportive. She keeps my son on track with his goals, all while they're having a blast. I can't think of a more selfless, deserving individual," says Devaree.

Margaret J.

Margaret is nominated by her daughter Melisa for being her caregiver. "She is a God send. I would never have believed that I would need to her help me with every day living. If anything I would be taking care of her! I was a CNA for 11 years and now have been on both ends of giving and receiving care. You never know how your life will turn out. My mom goes above and beyond to meet my every need. I love her for everything she is and everything she does!" said Melisa.

Maria G.

Maria is nominated for being Gloria's caregiver. "She is almost 101 years old. This amazing lady raised me and my four siblings making us good people. Now it's my turn to give her just a little of what she did for us," says Maria.

Marie B.

Carrie nominates her son's caregiver Marie. Carrie says, "Logan adores her, and life is so much easier when I have someone I can trust with him. Marie is kind, caring, and exactly what Logan needs. She dances when he wants to dance, cuddles when he needs a break, and does his care, like breathing treatments and tube feedings. Marie is part of the family and really deserves to know she does a great job!"

Mariya N.

Mariya N. is nominated for being caring, very observant, kind and is always ready provide the best care for Lauren. They go exercise and swimming together. She initiates taking Lauren eat out, go to the mall, ride Lauren's bike. Thanks to her, Lauren's health has improved, and she is able to do many things on a consistent basis. Mariya has been an answered prayer.

Marlene

Tammy is nominated for caring for her mom. "I'm thankful I get to see her everyday because she was there for me my whole life," says Tammy.

Mary B.

Mary is nominated for a being a caregiver to her son, who had a stage 4 brain tumor as a child and a stroke as an adult. "I am so grateful for the opportunity to care for my son at home. I have learned so much about caregiving since," says Mary.

Mary L.

Stephanie nominates her caregiver, her mom Mary. Stephanie says, "I would like to introduce my arms, my legs, and most of all my heart, that is my guardian angel, my beautiful mom. I have had muscular dystrophy since birth, and my mom is my everything to me. I'm 44 years old. When I was in kindergarten, my dream was to do as much as healthy. My mom gave up her life to go to school with me and take care of me physically so I could do my work. My mom went all the way from kindergarten to my senior year in high

school, sitting in class with me taking care of my physical needs each and every day. I graduated from high school with a 4.0 GPA, and I could not have done it without my guardian angel mom. I sing and share my testimony gospel music, and I travel to different churches to share what God has done for me. Of course, my angel is right by my side. She is my wind beneath my wings."

Mary M.

Mary is nominated as a full-time caregiver. She says, "I have made it possible for them to stay at home with their family and live a normal life. I am part of their family. We spend every day together and go on some amazing adventures. I feel honored to be able to take care of them and help them reach their goals every day. I love my job!"

Maryam M.

Maryam is nominated for being a caregiver.

Marybeth L.

Dean nominates his caregiver, his wife Marybeth. He says, "I have been a quadriplegic for over 30 years. This amazing woman has cared for me every day and kept me out of a facility,,, and she's cute too! Thank you, Marybeth!"

Megan V.

Megan is nominated for being a caregiver.

Melissa B.

I nominate Melissa, my sister. She's not just a caregiver for Frank, she takes care of me too. I'm in Kansas and she's in Florida. We talk almost every day cause it's too far to drive or even fly.

Mervat G.

Mervat is nominated for taking care of her husband.

Michala S.

Michala is nominated for being her husband's caregiver. She really enjoys being able to care for him and will continue to do what she can for him for many more years.

Michele H.

I want to nominate Michele. She always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. You always know she loves her clients. It shows in the work she does and in the respectful way she talks to them. She lets them do as much as they can, no matter how long it takes. All caregivers need to remember your client is a person and has the right to be respected and cared for.

Michelle M.

Michelle is a nominated caregiver, who treasures nearly four years of service. She says, "The bonds I have made are irreplaceable with anything else in life. I am so blessed, each and every day, to be part of her life and to give her the opportunity to live it to her fullest capacity. This is by far the best job in the world!"

Michelle P.

Michelle is nominated for taking care of her mother. Michelle takes great pleasure in taking care of her mother.

Michelle V.

Deb nominates her two caregivers: Michelle and Jennifer. She says, "They are always there for me when I need them. They are much better than a health care agency. They are more than my caregivers; they are my friends and family."

Mirena S.

Mirena was nominated for being the caregiver for her 87-year-old father with Alzheimer's disease. She is his only child and the only person he recognizes as a familiar face and as the person that takes care of him. His greatest joy comes from seeing Mirena's face in the morning. Mirena treasures every single moment with him!

Mona

Mona is nominated for taking good care of Rosalyn. Rosalyn says Mona goes above and beyond her duty from taking care of Rosalyn's daily living needs to getting to her medical appointments on time.

Mrs. Frost

Mrs. Frost is nominated for being a caregiver with a big heart who is always there when needed.

Myrissa B.

Myrissa is nominated because she is thankful for all she has learned as a caregiver.

Nicki S.

Nichole has been nominated for being an excellent caregiver.

Nicole B.

Nicole is nominated for being there when no one else can be. She is a blessing to her care team.

Nicole G.

Nicole is nominated for being a wonderful caregiver and taking care of Heidi. Nicole was there for Heidi when she had double pneumonia and visited her in the hospital and rehab center. Heidi says, "I am very close with her and her four kids. I thank God every day for Nicole, she is a huge blessing in my life!"

Noor M.

Attiya nominates her father's caregiver Noor, saying "I nominate Noor for her love and care for my dad. She has been very kind, and she cares for him with all her love. Thank you, Noor, and God bless you."

Olivia S.

Olivia is nominated as her mother's caregiver. "I am so blessed to be by her side, I love her with all my heart! My mom has had a rough life from the start and I am blessed that she gave me a great life. I don't know what I'd do without my momma," says Olivia.

Omayra B.

Omayra is nominated for being her sister's caregiver. She helps her sister with everyday living and loves her unconditionally. Omayra says, "Being a caregiver is a blessing and I couldn't see myself doing anything else."

Oksana H.

Oksana is nominated for being a caregiver.

Pig M.

Pig is nominated as caregiver for an older sister. Pig says, "My beautiful oldest sister has had loss—her children and our mother. She has health problems and can do very little for herself and throughout the house, so I'm there to help as often as she needs. My family has been through a lot, but my sister has been through a lot more!"

Qween W.

Qween is nominated for being a caregiver to her Aunt Pearl for over a decade. "She played a major hand in raising me to be the woman I am today. I owe her more than I could ever repay her. She was as fearless then as she is now at 70. I'm so grateful to have her in my life. It's not always easy but it's an honor to be there for the people you love," Qween says.

Ramona F.

Ramona is nominated for taking care of Molly. "Molly is a blessing to me, she melts my heart for how hard she tries to learn and achieve her goals. She is very loving and caring. I'm the blessed one to know her," says Ramona.

Randy

Randy is nominated for taking care of his neighbor. He checks on her every day and helps her with every day things. On Sundays he gets her groceries. "I am so proud of him taking care of her because she lives alone. He also took care of my mom before she passed. He is a good hearted person," says Randy's wife.

Rebecca A.

Bill nominates his son's caregiver, Rebecca. He says, "Becca has been a caregiver for our son, Billy, for 6-1/2 years. Billy is 45 with severe mental disability. She has endured many sleepless nights, but the job turned into a love for him. She has worked holidays when no one else would. She has trained other caregivers to work with him. Although she has opportunities to work elsewhere, she is dedicated to him. She is now family, and we appreciate her immensely!"

Rebecca B.

Rebecca is nominated for taking care of her grandmother. Rebecca's mother says, "She is the most selfless, giving person I know. She always goes above and beyond for my mother and everyone else she loves. Rebecca takes her job very seriously and often works seven days a week. She's more than a caregiver, she's a nurse, cook, companion, housekeeper and so much more. And, on top of all of that, she's my mom's biggest advocate. She does all this without complaint and with such beauty and grace."

Rene H.

Rene is nominated for being a caregiver for a 14-year-old. "I have given her the opportunity to live her life to the fullest. She has been camping with me, we've been to the zoo, fairs, holiday parties and recently her first haunted house. I don't see her as disabled but as a child who learns and lives differently," says Rene.

Rene W.

Rene is nominated for caring for her brother. Rene is honored to be able to do this for him and says, "I have always known in my heart that he would live with me and my family."

Reneé L.

Reneé is being nominated as Dorothy's caregiver. Reneé has been a caregiver, on and off, for most of her life, and she says, "It is how I give back for all the blessings I have received. I love my conversations with Dorothy and all of her history she shares. She shows me how to stay determined. I love our time together; we sing, laugh, tell stories, and celebrate peace and quiet. She is sassy and willful. I care about her and her family, and it brings me so much joy to know I am making a difference in their lives."

Ressie L.

Ressie is nominated by Henry for taking excellent care of him for eight years. Henry says that Ressie gives him the best of care and that he couldn't have chosen a better person for his care. He is happy that he gets to stay in his own home.

Rick R.

Rick is nominated because not only does he go above and beyond, he makes Tracy the happiest person alive. He above all makes sure Tracy is happy and that she's loving and living the best life she possibly can. Even when he is exhausted, sick, or in pain, he is ALWAYS there for her, no matter what.

Robert B.

Robert is nominated for caring for Yarianna. "He takes care of me and our house every day with no complaints," says Yarianna.

Ruth S.

Ruth is nominated for being the caregiver for her mom.

Sabrina S.

Elizabeth nominates her daughter's caregiver, Dora. She says, "Dora has not only gone above and beyond for my daughter, she has been an incredible support to me. She takes time to check in, has a sympathetic ear, and is an encouraging friend. Dora has been light in my dark days. She has been such a blessing to us both that I can't imagine how we got on without her. She has the same dedication and passion for every person she works for. COVID has prevented us from meeting, but the bond with this amazing woman is strong. You can't imagine what it's like to have someone else care about your kid when you've had nobody. She feels like family, and we are so grateful for all her service to us and the community."

Sandra A.

Sandra is nominated for being Jacqueline's caregiver. Sandra lives with Jacqueline and is able to assist

her at any time. “There is no way to thank her for all she does,” says Jacqueline.

Sandra I.

Sandra is nominated for being the caretaker of her son. Sandra and her son use sign language to communicate and enjoy laughing, listening to music and eating together.

Sandrea H.

Maurlena nominates her caregiver, Sandra. Maurlena says, “Sandrea takes amazing care of me. I’m morbidly obese, and she doesn’t let that stop her from doing her job. She goes above and beyond her job duties just to make sure I’m comfortable, whether it’s getting out of her bed at 4 or 5 a.m. to help me in and out my bed, or staying up late because I’m having trouble sleeping. She’s been amazing through this pandemic, and she’s most definitely a godsend.”

Sarah G.

Sarah is nominated for being Kathy’s caregiver. “She goes above and beyond the needs of my girl who is in the final stages of dementia. Sarah has become a family member to us. She is truly Kathy’s guardian angel,” says Paul.

Sarah M.

Sarah is nominated by her co-worker for being loving and caring every day. Sarah goes above and beyond caring for Brooke.

Sarah R.

Sarah is nominated for being a caregiver to her special aunt, Hilda. “I find it an honor to serve her. Since my mother passed, it has been and still is a challenge to go on in this life. But with understanding, humor, being present, being positive, and giving encouragement, love, and patience, there is reason for hope. I love doing her hair so she looks like a star, talking about trips we’ve taken with family, and making her smile,” says Sarah.

Sarah R.

Sarah is nominated for taking care of her nephew, Josh. Josh’s mom says, “Josh gets pretty bored with mom and dad, thankfully Aunt Sarah loves taking Josh on the weekends and always plans fun outings for him and works with him on his goals. She gives us a much needed break and we are so thankful for her!”

Sarah S.

Sarah is nominated for being Jack’s caregiver. “She is a blessing to our family, I don’t know what we would do without her. She does a wonderful job taking care of our autistic child and she is now part of our family. Jack loves her and so do we,” says Jack’s family.

Sean M.

Sean is nominated for caregiving for two men with Kendra. “They have helped us see the world through a new lens and taught us that life’s little things can bring so much happiness and joy. Every single day, I’m thankful to be able to give these boys new opportunities and that they push us to be the best versions of ourselves,” says Kendra.

Shannon R.

Shannon is nominated for being an awesome, giving and caring caregiver who does the best work ever.

Shelia S.

Shelia is nominated for caring for her husband, Robert. "I am grateful to have this opportunity to take care of my husband and help him through these difficult times. Despite being a bilateral amputee without the use of his left hand and on dialysis and wheelchair bound, he is always in good spirits. I enjoy taking care of him and facing our journey together even on the not so good days," says Shelia.

Shirley S.

Shirley is nominated as a caregiver for a relative with cancer. She says, "Caregiving has been a difficult task, but you do what needs to be done for those you love. I have not had a vacation in about three years. I need to be here to care for my patient and her animals...but I love it. I have been administering help, hope, and companionship to those who need it. I hope and pray for better days ahead, and I am so grateful for GT Independence for making my transition to working with the elderly a smooth one."

Shunta B.

William in nominating his caregiver, his wife Shunta. He says, "My caring, lovely, wonderful, and extraordinary wife has been a caregiver since she was 14 years old. She still takes care of others and goes without so that friends and family don't have to—whether it's food, clothing, or whatever they need. After being in the hospital, on and off, for four years, I was released to hospice. With Shunta's caring heart, I am now living a somewhat normal life with my beautiful wife and three daughters."

Simona H.

Simona is nominated for the loving care she provides to her son. Simona reminds her son daily that she is there for him and he feels happy and safe with her. Simona gets her son out for walks and to go shopping for his favorite books and she comforts him by holding his hand. Simona's daughter says, "He really loves being able to have family with him."

Smaje W.

Smaje is nominated for being a caregiver who goes above and beyond for her four cousins. "She has been such a support during the last year and a half to help these kids get on virtual learning everyday as well as ensuring their emotional well-being. Smaje is caring, kind hearted and a hard worker who always puts her family first. These kids truly love her," says Theresa.

Sonia R.

Heidi nominates her caregiver Sonia. Heidi says, "Sonia is loving, kindhearted, and nurturing. She entered my life at precisely the right time. She goes over and beyond to help cover extra shifts. We have lots of fun and laughs together. The day I met her, I knew she would be by my side and become much more than a caregiver. She is part of my family."

Stacy C.

Stacy is nominated for devoting her life to the care of her daughter, Lucinda. "She left her career and learned everything she could about my condition and the complex ways it impacts various body systems so that she could provide the best care for me. She has helped ensure I get to live a full, happy and healthy life. She has cared for me through countless illnesses, injuries and surgeries and has always treated me with love, kindness and respect. I can honestly say that I would not be here today without her devoted love and care," said Lucinda.

Stefani M.

Stefani is nominated for caring for her niece, Miranda. Stefani loves taking care of Miranda and watching her face light up when she sees Stefani. Stefani enjoys spending as much time with Miranda as she can.

Stephanie

Stephanie is nominated for being a caregiver.

Stephanie B.

Stephanie is nominated for having a big heart and stepping in to help throughout the pandemic.

Stephen W.

Stephen is nominated for being Sara's caregiver. Sara says he tries his best to care for her and keep the house clean. He has been doing it for a long time and continues to do his best and Sara is thankful for him.

Steve A.

Steve is nominated as a caregiver for Laith. He says, "I enjoy my work and being able to help him with job support. He is working five days, even through the pandemic, despite being 80 years old with many health issues."

Surelldr F.

Surelldr is nominated for being a caregiver and best friend. "Not only does she help me she also goes above and beyond to help others around her," says Angela

Susan

Susan is nominated for being a kind and patient caregiver. Jennifer says, "She works hard everyday, and I thank her for everything that she does!"

Susan R.

Susan is nominated for caring with empathy and compassion. Susan feels blessed for all who she cares for and aims to make them feel heard, accepted and loved. "We are only given a small opportunity to make a difference in the lives we touch, let's not waste that and do it with a whole heart and give thanks," says Susan.

Susanne S.

Susanne is nominated for being Marvin's caregiver. "She has gone over and beyond by giving up her personal life the last three years. Susanne helps me with showers and daily ADL skills and meals. Besides her assisting me, she also assisted her mother who is now 90 years old and was a caregiver to her sister for three months. A lot of stress for her and never complained once. Susanne is an exceptional individual!" says Marvin.

Tammie S.

Tammie is nominated for being Buddy's caregiver. Tammie's care has allowed Buddy to live at home. Buddy says that Tammie has learned wound care, how to use a Peritoneal Dialysis machine and got him help when he was having a seizure, these are a part of why he is nominating her.

Tammy

Stacey nominates her daughter's caregiver, Tammy. She says, "Tammy started as Alisha's caregiver when the pandemic began. You could say God arranged it, as the relationship is immeasurably more than we could have ever imagined. Tammy and Alisha began their friendship six years ago, when Alisha started in a new

school. Tammy was one of Alisha's paras and the first time we met her, we knew Alisha had a best friend. When Tammy called with news she would be retiring from the schools, we hired her on the spot. Tammy is much more than a person hired to give Alisha care. She is a best friend who gave Alisha community. We knew she would give exceptional care to Alisha. What we didn't know was that Alisha would find belonging in her community outside of her family. Thank you to our amazing Tam Tam. We all feel like Alisha does!"

Teri R.

Teri is nominated for providing excellent to her 100-year-old mother. "She goes out of her way to give her the best foods and always make sure she has everything she needs. Teri is a loving and caring daughter," says Denise.

Terri M.

Terri is nominated for being a caregiver.

Terri M.

Terri nominates her mother.

Theresa O.

Theresa is nominated for caregiving. Her client says she makes his day.

Theresa O.

Cheryl is nominating caregiver Theresa. Cheryl says, "Theresa has been Justin's caregiver for the past nine years. She goes above and beyond and always makes his day. She has been a godsend."

Thomas C.

Thomas is nominated for going above and beyond in taking care of John. He never stops caring.

Tina B.

Tina is nominated for taking care of Michael. She helps him with all he needs in his daily life.

Tina G.

Tina is nominated for being her daughter's caregiver. "For a mother, her happiness is priceless. Being able to help her find her voice and self advocate when she can is a monumental step. We will continue making leaps and bounds in maintaining a job in the community and taking a class at a local community college. She makes me proud to be her mom every single day," says Tina.

Tina H.

Tina is nominated for going above and beyond as a caregiver for Jill. "Tina is kind, a hard worker and one of the best caregivers I have ever had. Not only does he do what she should, she's also always checking on me even when she's off the clock. I really don't know what I'd do without her. I'm so blessed to have found such an amazing woman," says Jill.

Tina W.

Tina is nominated as the caregiver of her niece. She says, "I have been taking care of my niece for most of her life. I have been teaching her to work her cell phone, so she takes pictures and texts, even though she can't spell. I also teach her how to behave in the community. She now can make her purchases and count some money. When she is upset, I stand between her and others so she can process what made her upset. I make her feel safe in all situations. I love her to pieces."

Tracey M.

Tracey is nominated for being Joyce's caregiver by Joyce's husband Matthew. Tracey takes care of every need for Joyce and has not left her side for three years. Matthew says they have a bond far above patient and caregiver. "Tracey not only cares for Joyce, she also has a large family of seven so she runs her household and ours as well. She is selfless in every task she is given. She attends to all of Joyce's needs, maintains her daily physical and speech therapy and cleans once a week. Tracey's dedication to Joyce is like a mother daughter relationship. She is professional and caring. Joyce's face lights up when Tracey comes to take care of her," says Matthew.

Trey D.

Trey is nominated as the caretaker of Dawn. Dawn calls Trey her caretaker and her lifeline. "He has been the best caretaker in the world. He has dedicated his life to make sure that my life is happy and I am taken care of. He is an example of a wonderful and caring and selfless caretaker who rocks," says Dawn.

Valorie's sister (unnamed)

Valorie nominates her caregiver, her sister. "I love my sissy so much it almost hurts my heart. She has done things for me that I don't think anyone else would do. She puts my socks and shoes on, she helps me up and down when I need her to. She's always there for me no matter what."

Veronica J.

Veronica is nominated for being a caregiver to Bryan. She shares, "I've learned so much from him. I had never heard about ALS until I started working with him. I love his stories and all the talks we have. He has a heart of gold. No matter what kind of day he's having, it's a pleasure to be there with him. I'm with him seven days a week, and every day I learn something new."

Vicki L.

Vicki is nominated for being her mother's caregiver for several years. Vicki says, "She is the light of my life. Every moment of every day I am thinking about what I can do to make her life more wonderful. She has severe arthritis and it causes her great pain to move at all. I am so grateful to have her in my life."

Victoria A.

Ana is nominating her son's caregiver, Victoria. Ana says, "Victoria is a very special person that God sent into the life of our son and our family. She is an angel in each of our lives for her love, charisma, commitment, patience, and above all, dedication in the care of my son. She has become part of our family, and she gives more than her job demands. She deserves to be recognized."

Whitt L.

Whitt is nominated as her mother's caregiver. Whitt says, "My precious momma adopted me when I was a baby and been the best mom I could ever ask for. She took care of me, and she deserves it all. We love that we can do so much more together. I absolutely love being able to take care of my sweet momma."

Williemae Y.

Willemae is nominated for providing care for Dr. Turner. Willemae aims to bless Dr. Turner by providing the best care possible. Willemae ensures that all of Dr. Turner's care needs are met from feeding and dressing to paying bills and escorting her to community events.

Yolanda L.

Yolanda is nominated for being the caregiver for her mom. Yolanda says, "It's an honor and a blessing to have a close bond with my mom. I'm very grateful for her and it's the best job to have. Mom is not only my mom, she's my hero, bestfriend, and we love to laugh."