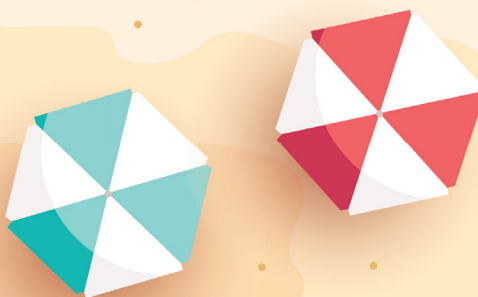
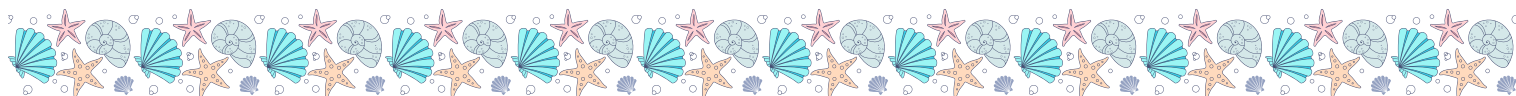




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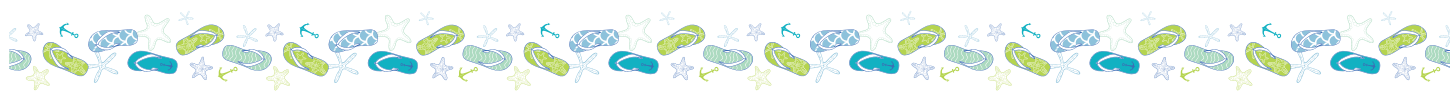
Maria Burke, RN, Owner

Maria's Corner

I'd like to take this opportunity to first thank my caregivers for the amazing work they did throughout the pandemic. Although the nation is not completely out of the woods and there are still so many parts of the world struggling with the CORONA Virus, our nation has, in many respects, bounced back to a place where some semblance of normalcy can be seen on many levels. Restaurants and public venues have opened back up. Family and friends have begun to get back together in groups. People are celebrating holidays, birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries. It is good to see.

To that end, I would like to invite all of you to email or text pictures of you and your families and friends to me and we will feature them in our seasonal newsletters to show the resiliency, strength, love and caring of our Celtic Angels Home Health Care 'family'.

Sincerely,
Maria Burke, RN, Owner & Founder



Angel of the Month

This summer season's newsletter features our own Celtic Angels certified nursing assistant Iris DiBona. Iris started working for Celtic Angels Home Health Care in 2016. Before that, she worked at a nursing home. She had immigrated here from Peru 17 years ago. She began her work in eldercare in 2009. People recommended she start at a nursing home because that was a good learning environment, particularly since her English wasn't that good back then. At the assisted living facility, she didn't have direct contact with clients, so she wasn't required to have perfect English. She learned the homecare skills she would later need to become the quality caregiver that she is today.



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DiBona married her husband Lenny in 2018 and had her child and soon after became a foster parent. She later officially adopted her foster son." When I first started working for Maria, I worked mother's hours because I was a caring for my child, and I was fostering children. My neighbor gave me trouble because I was fostering children, but I persevered," said DiBona.

In 2018, she decided to pursue another lifelong dream – to become an aesthetician. "I always wanted to work with skincare," said DiBona. She worked during the day, so she was unable to attend school to be an aesthetician. She asked Maria if she could switch to nights as a caregiver which would allow her to attend school during the day and Maria was very accommodating and supportive of her decision. Maria said "I want to support your lifelong dream and if that means we have to be flexible with your work schedule here at Celtic Angels, then that's what we'll do."



"I applied for my license and passed," said DiBona. "I would have never been able to do this without the support from Maria Burke, RN. She gave me my opportunity and I will be forever grateful to her," DiBona said.

"I have a space in Medford where I do facials by appointment but having this space in my home here in Randolph is so wonderful. I love it! I have so much room to service my private clients. I provide a full range of skin care services including microdermabrasion, thermage, chemical peels, facials and light therapy."



Advance Your Career at Regis College and Receive a 20% Tuition Discount



As we mentioned in our spring newsletter, Celtic Angels Home Health Care has partnered with Regis College in Weston MA to offer our caregivers and staff who are interested in furthering their education with a 20% discount off their tuition. Many of our home health aides and certified nursing assistants would like to continue their education. We acknowledge this and want to support those caregivers by helping to defray the cost. Regis College is one of New England's leading colleges that offers an exceptional educational experience.

"Welcome Back" Videos

We are back in our offices in Weymouth and Needham and planning to take quick videos of our office staff just to say 'hello' and 'welcome back'. Keep an eye out for them on our Celtic Angels Home Health Care YouTube Channel, Face Book, Instagram and Twitter feeds. Please make sure to 'like' and 'share'.

The Boston Globe TOP PLACES TO WORK 2020

Once again, this year, we've participated in the Boston Globe's Top Places To Work survey through a company called Energage. Many of our caregivers and staff were kind enough to take the time and fill out the 34-question survey and we are so very pleased to report that we had an overwhelming response from the caregivers and staff that completed the survey. We will be announcing the winner of the \$250 gift card raffle next month. So stay tuned!



Veterans Taking Care of Veterans

We have many veterans who are caregivers taking care of clients who are, they themselves, veterans. This is a very special relationship and one that gives way to a unique and deep understanding between the caregiver and the client and can lead to a long term and meaningful friendship. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbor that is a veteran who is in need of a caregiver, please make sure you let us know.

We'd like to help.



Home Health Training Course Starting in September!

For eligible candidates, Celtic Angels Home Health Care is offering a Home Health Aide training course beginning this September 1, 2021. If you are interested, please call 781-331-0062 for more information. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you!



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