



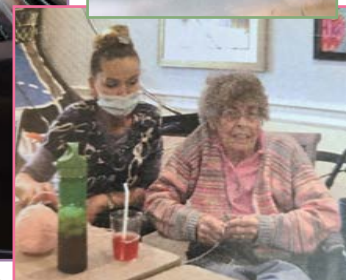
# Celtic Angels NEWS

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*Making a Difference in the Lives of Others*

## One Special Lady

Celtic Angels CNA Susan Hoffman has been caring for one of her very special clients, Elizabeth Smith for several years. She visits with her at a local assisted living facility on the south shore 3 days a week and helps Elizabeth with her medication management as well as general care and support. Elizabeth, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, is an amazing artist and classic pianist. "She is one special lady and I really enjoy taking care of her," said Susan Hoffman, CNA. After Elizabeth lost her husband and required additional care, she moved into an assisted living facility. There she was fortunate to have Celtic Angels Home Health Care assign one of their very talented CNAs to her case. Since then, Elizabeth has thrived, enabling her to continue with her longtime passion for painting beautiful landscapes and playing classical music on the piano.



Elizabeth Smith and Susan Hoffman  
(A sample of Elizabeth's artwork, above)



## Karen Manning, RN

I'm Karen Manning and I'm a Registered Nurse. I work for Celtic Angels Home Health Care on a part-time basis. I joined the company the fall of 2021. You might see me at both the Needham and Weymouth Celtic Angels offices.

My role varies where some days I might provide care to only one client. Other days, I might visit several clients to perform a nursing assessment or orientate a new caregiver at a client's home.

Prior to working with Celtic Angels Home Health Care, I worked as a visiting nurse for North Hill and VNA Care Network in Needham. My nursing role for the past 20 years has been focused on caring for older adults in their home.

I feel that Celtic Angels Home Health Care is a great company to work for. Not only do they spend the time and effort to provide thoughtful care and direction as it relates to each client's individual home care needs, but in addition, they also consider the needs of their caregivers too.

## Altina Costa Pereira, Weekend "On Call" Supervisor

Hi. I'm Altina Costa Pereira. I'm originally from Brazil. I'm the weekend "On Call Supervisor" for Celtic Angels. My duties include checking in on all the caregivers and their schedules to make sure they have what they need to report to their respective client locations, on time with the right tools. I make sure they manage their record keeping properly and most importantly, if any of them have a personal or family emergency and cannot report for their shift, my role is to ensure we have an alternate caregiver to cover the shift.

Altina has been working in this new capacity since November. She actually joined us back in July 2014 as a caregiver and has been a core member of our "Celtic Angels" family ever since. Prior to joining us, she worked as a nursing assistant and caregiver herself. Her core competency was providing care for people suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease. "This is a new role for me and there



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## Supporting Our Community

Celtic Angels strongly believes in supporting its community and to that end has sponsored various groups and organizations throughout the local and regional area. Here are just a few:

### *Celtic Angels Home Health Care Sponsors Milton Council On Aging Fit for Life Walk*

We're a silver sponsor donating funds to support this year's Milton COA Fit for Life Walk which takes place on Saturday, October 1st 9am at the Milton, MA Council on Aging 10 Walnut Street. Those who care to participate can sign up at [miltonmacoaffl.racewire.com](http://miltonmacoaffl.racewire.com)



### *Celtic Angels Home Health Care Sponsors Local Soccer Team*

There is a saying from Simon Sinek, "People don't buy what you do; they buy why you do it and what you do simply proves what you believe." Myself and my two partners Evan Burokas and Nick Rugnetta believe in that and our "WHY" is to use soccer as a vehicle to teach life lessons and inspire the passionate players of today so that through education, dedication, attitude and effort, we will develop world class people and the players of tomorrow both on and off the field.

I grew up in a blue collar family that immigrated to America from Ireland when I was 2 and a half years old. My parents led by example and taught myself and my two sisters that through hard work, dedication, maximum effort & a good attitude you can achieve anything. My parents showed me a path and this is the path I/we wanted to bring to Scorpions.

I started coaching about 13 years ago and just did it as a favor to a friend, and it changed my life forever!

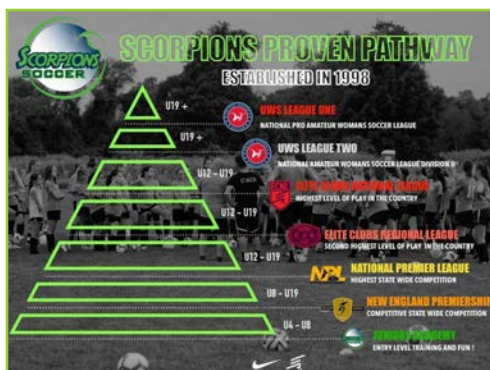
The ability to watch what you teach these young players in practice and having them translate it into games and getting those goosebumps is why I/we do this.



Scorpions Soccer Club was founded in 1998 by Fred Marks, over the years Scorpions grew into a powerhouse for club soccer and has produced numerous State, Regional and National Championships and has developed some top level College soccer players as well as National level players. Scorpions currently have two players on the USA Women's National team in Kristie and Sammy Mewis. In the Summer of 2018 Myself, Evan and Nick took over the club from Fred and Fred is now the East Director.



Over the past couple of years we have built a foundation that instills a culture and created a family within Scorpions, we have a saying "strong alone, unstoppable together, where teammates become family." This is the motto we ingrain at all levels of play here at Scorpions.



Scorpions SC has a proven pathway for each and every level of play for all our players. Each tier allows each player the opportunity to reach their goals, from playing in college or simply playing for fun.

Geographically we have (4) primary regions- The South Region is where our ECNL/ECRL teams train out of Taunton Forekicks, The East Region which is located in the South Shore area, The Metro-West Region which is run in the Metro-West area of Massachusetts and the Central Region out of Central Massachusetts. Each region has its own level of play (NECSL/EDP), if players wish to advance their game and take it to the next level, then these players are promoted to our ECNL/ECRL teams out of Taunton Forekicks in the South Region.

Strategically we placed our regions in locations that make it convenient for players and parents to access.

The future of Scorpions SC is looking bright, we have recently added A boys program this spring and it is going strong and all our regions are growing organically as well and we are just getting started.

Darren Burke  
Co-Director Scorpions SC

If you know anyone interested in joining our Scorpions family please feel free to reach out to us at [info@scorpionsoccer.org](mailto:info@scorpionsoccer.org) or visit our website @ [scorpionsoccer.org](http://scorpionsoccer.org)





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was a learning curve, particularly with office operations but I absolutely love it. Most of all, I love working for Celtic Angels. Maria is so incredibly supportive as is the staff. There is always someone to answer my questions and provide me with the support and encouragement I need to help me do my job to the best of my ability," said Pereira.

"Altina is a great support for all our caregivers, said owner Maria Burke, RN. She really goes above and beyond for all our patients and caregivers."



## New 24-Month BS Nursing Degree Offered by Regis College



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A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN GREATER BOSTON

*To become a nurse sooner, don't start over again—pick up where you left off.*

Their 24-month BS in Nursing degree with fully online coursework allows you to seize the opportunity to change the path you are on. Similar to our accelerated 16-month BS in Nursing, you can leverage your previous bachelor's degree and jump right into the nursing curriculum. This allows you to become a bachelor-level nurse in 24 months while working part-time. Clinicals and simulation labs are required in the Boston area.

What students who complete this program like about its flexibility:

- 12-week semesters designed to deliver longer breaks between semesters.
- 100% online course work complemented by in-person labs and clinicals.

### Realize Your Dream of Becoming a Nurse

This program is designed for career changers, new graduates and many others who want to get a second bachelor's degree and become a nurse. Regis College is offering a customized curriculum that uses the undergraduate courses you have already taken so that you can jump directly into your nursing courses in the accelerated nursing program.

**Program Starts: Fall – September**

### Application Deadlines

*Early Action Deadline: December 1*

*Regular Action Deadline: March 1*

Registered Nurse Ranks #12 on the Best Job list according to the U.S. News and World Report.

**DON'T WAIT! APPLY TODAY.**

## Laboure College of Healthcare Scholarship Award



This June, Celtic Angels Home Health Care was among the companies that was honored at the annual Laboure Care Awards Ceremony held at Granite Links in Quincy. Celtic Angels gave a \$2,500 scholarship that will help support and fund scholarships for those who are interested in pursuing a nursing career and need financial support for their education. According to Laboure College of Healthcare officials, "These scholarships that Laboure offer helps to eliminate barriers to nursing education for those called to care."



Maria Burke, RN, owner Celtic Angels with nursing graduates of Laboure along with Laboure executive staff



Our staff was happy to support the Irish Pastoral Center of Boston's blood pressure clinics by providing free blood pressure checks to any person who wanted them in three locations including Brighton, West Roxbury and Dorchester June 2nd, 6th and 8th.



## 2022 Boston Globe Top Places to Work Survey

A very big 'thank you' to all our caregivers and staff who completed this year's survey, managed by the company Energage hired for the Boston Globe's Annual Top Places to Work awards. Stay tuned to see if Celtic Angels Home Health Care won for the third year in a row. Fingers crossed!

## NEW ANGELS ONBOARD!

We are so pleased to announce that we've hired 7 new caregivers this month to add to our amazing and caring staff. These new CNAs and HHAs will be servicing our clients both in our Weymouth and Needham locations. Welcome to our new hires!



## Kudos to our own Elaine Conroy!

A testimonial from one of our caregivers: "You show a great deal of compassion when speaking with the caregivers. You are someone that you can rely on whether its scheduling advice or fashion advice. I wish you all the best and thank you for your help at Celtic Angels." Sincerely, Nancy