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## Asheville Nurse Honored by North Carolina Nurses Association

RALEIGH, NC – The North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) is recognizing dozens of people for helping lead *Nursing Forward*® in North Carolina. NCNA honored the nurses and nursing advocates last week in Concord during its 111th Annual Convention. The Awards Luncheon has become a highlight of Convention each year as NCNA focuses on people who are having a tangible impact on improved patient care around the state.

Included in this year's ceremony was NCNA member **Cindy Stephens**, from Asheville, who has been given the Outstanding Service Award. This award is given by the Board of Directors to a nurse member who demonstrates persistent and extended commitment to the promotion and advancement of NCNA and who also depicts an awareness of NCNA and its values and goals in both the education and practice arenas.

NCNA's Annual Convention gives attendees the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and earn valuable professional development experience at the largest nursing event of the year in North Carolina.

"Belonging to a professional nursing association such as this one really allows you to take your leadership skills to the next level once you get involved," said President Elaine Scherer, MAEd, BSN, RN. "And when they get to Convention they want to be involved."

Established in 1902, NCNA provides continuing education, networking and legislative advocacy for registered nurses throughout North Carolina. For more information, please visit www.ncnurses.org.

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## **ABOUT NCNA**

As the leading professional organization for North Carolina's registered nurses, we equip nurses at all stages to thrive in an ever-changing healthcare environment. NCNA helps keep North Carolina nurses on the cutting edge of nursing practice, policy, education, and more. Join us as we work to advance nursing and ensure high-quality healthcare for everyone.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The North Carolina Nurses Association serves the changing needs of its members, addresses nursing issues, and advocates for the health and well-being of all people.