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# 2009 Travelers of the Year Awards



*Healthcare Traveler* is proud to highlight the accomplishments of a record 98 mobile professionals in our eighth annual event. Whether these nurses and allied healthcare providers are new to the road or are veteran travelers with more than 10 years of experience, they share a sense of adventure, community, and unsurpassed dedication to providing the highest-quality patient care at facilities in need. Please join us in celebrating the best of the best, 2009's Travelers of the Year.

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## **Richard Anderson, RN, TNCC, ACLS, PALS, BCLS, EKG**

*American Traveler Staffing Professionals*

Specialty: **Emergency**

Years Traveling: **2.5**

Nominated by: **Kristin Zandee, Senior Consultant**



"Rick has been with us for well over two years now, and he is always a standout superstar wherever he has worked. He always goes the extra mile, and it shows in his excellent

evaluations and letters that we receive from the facilities he has been to. Thanks, Rick, for your hard work and dedication to your career and patients!"

## **Valda Archer, RN, CPR, ACLS**

*Advanced Clinical Employment Staffing*

Specialty: **Critical Care**

Years Traveling: **20**

Nominated by: **Marlys O'Malley, Executive Director of Clinical Operations**



"Valda is always pleasant and has a positive attitude. She is well-liked everywhere she goes, and her professionalism is unsurpassed."

## **Trae Bane, RN, BLS, ACLS, PALS**

*TG Healthcare*

Specialty: **Emergency**

Years Traveling: **2**

Nominated by: **Darin Taylor, Partner**



"Trae fits the definition of the model healthcare traveler. He is a consummate professional dedicated to his patients, their families, our clients, and our company. I can always count

on Trae to go above and beyond, no matter what the circumstance. His positive attitude and demeanor are second to none."

## **Traci Barnett, ADN**

*FlexCare Medical Staffing*

Specialty: **Labor and Delivery**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Natalie Simmons Recruitment Manager**



"Clinical excellence, professionalism, dependability, a positive attitude—these are just a few of the characteristics Traci consistently displays. A

wonderful role model for her peers, she leads by example and is always willing to be a resource to others. Traci delivers quality patient care, and we are very proud to have her on our team."

## **Sherri Bernius, CRT, ACLS, NRP**

*Titan Medical*

Discipline: **Respiratory Therapy**

Specialty: **Neonatal Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Debra Dorn, Account Manager**



"Sherri is truly a great respiratory therapist. She does an exceptional job in every assignment that we send her to. She is liked and works very hard. She is asked back to

assignments all the time. Any hospital would be lucky to get Sherri working for them."

## **Lance Bert, OT**

*Medical Connections*

Discipline: **Occupational Therapy**

Years Traveling: **1**

Nominated by: **Ann Marie Ruggiero Director of Travel**

"Lance is a dedicated traveler. The managers at his current facilities have given him excellent reviews and have greatly enjoyed Lance's time at their sites. We are happy to have Lance as a part of our team."

## **Anise Black, RN**

*CuraMed Staffing LLC*

Specialty: **Cardiac Cath Lab**

Years Traveling: **6**

Nominated by: **Shannon Sutton, Director**



"To quote a reference we recently obtained for Anise, 'She is an incredible nurse and a beautiful person.' Anise shines not only for her clinical ability, but also for her

commitment to helping us grow as a leader in the cardiology field. She cares for everyone she comes across, sending baby shower and birthday gifts to our internal staff members, just because. She is a true blessing and an inspiration to us."

## **Deedee Brister, RN**

*FASTAFF*

Specialties: **Critical Care, Intensive Care, Cath Lab**

Years Traveling: **9**

Nominated by: **Keith Aragon Placement Specialist**



"Deedee's flexibility and willingness to travel to different locations and work different specialties is unrivaled. Deedee has been one of the most reliable and

highly skilled RNs that I have worked with in my 10 years with FASTAFF."

## **Christine Butczynski, PT**

*Cross Country TravCorps*

Discipline: **Physical Therapy**

Specialty: **Acute Care/Rehab**

Years Traveling: **4.5**

Nominated by: **Jennifer Kelley, Recruiter**



"Chrissy has successfully completed 15 assignments in various acute care/rehab departments all over the country. She has been consistently requested back

by multiple rehab managers. With top-notch evaluations and a perfect combination of kindness, professional skill, and dedication to her work, she proves that she is the ideal traveler."

## **Mitos Cabrera, RN, BCLS, NRP, PALS**

*50 States Staffing*

Specialty: **Neonatal Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **2**

Nominated by: **Joyce Stroom, Senior Consultant**

"Mitos is one of the most flexible, reliable, and easygoing travelers I have ever worked with. She makes my job easy!"

## **Marge Cale, ARRT-R, ARRT-CT, ARRT-CV**

*Aureus Medical*

Discipline: **Radiologic Technology**

Specialties: **X-Ray Tech, CT**

Years Traveling: **9**

Nominated by: **Becky Sullivan, Account Manager**



"Marge continually goes above and beyond for Aureus and for our clients, who rave about her caring nature, dedication to her profession, and willingness to openly

share her knowledge and experience with her



co-workers, as well as the outstanding quality of her scans. She accepts assignments on the spur of the moment, has driven through a blizzard to step in for a facility in need, on a day's notice drove to an assignment the day after Christmas to cover for an employee who walked off the job, and took the time to help a department learn how to fully utilize a piece of equipment that was new to them, while discovering a process improvement along the way."

**Rebekah Calhoun, RN, ACLS, BCLS, PALS**

*Premier Healthcare Professionals*  
Specialty: **Emergency**

Years Traveling: **4**

Nominated by: **Leanne Mauldin,**

**Recruitment Manager**



"Rebekah has always been an excellent travel nurse for PHP. She is dependable and flexible in terms of shift and location. Rebekah is a caring and loyal RN who has been such an asset to our company."

**Lisa Carner, RN**

*Medical Connections*  
Specialty: **Operating Room**

Years Traveling: **10**

Nominated by: **Ann Marie Ruggiero,**  
**Director of Travel**

"Lisa has been a dedicated traveler with us continuously since 2007. She is a very devoted OR RN with 22 years of experience. Lisa is a team player and receives excellent reviews from her facilities. We are happy to have her as part of our team."

**Heather Chargois, RN**

*Onward Healthcare*  
Specialty: **Medical/Surgical/Burns Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Angela Housey-Spruill,**  
**Nurse Recruiter**



"Heather takes pride in serving each of her patients from admission to discharge. In a recent performance evaluation, it was noted that 'Heather is a diligent

individual who often goes above and beyond the call of duty by working overtime, in addition to traveling to work in extreme weather conditions to ensure her patients receive the optimal care that she provides.'"

**Elizabeth Chartoff, RN**

*Foundation Medical Staffing*  
Specialty: **Dialysis**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Andre Nunes,**  
**Travel Agent**



"Beth has been an outstanding traveler. She is very flexible with where she will go, and she always has an open mind. Beth is the type of person you always want to be with. She is

knowledgeable but humble. Because she was a manager before her traveling career, she is able to relate to the managers when she starts a travel assignment."

**Ashly Clarke, OT**

*Medical Methods Healthcare Recruiting*

Discipline: **Occupational Therapy**

Years Traveling: **1+**

Nominated by: **Dean Medley, Vice President of Recruiting**



"Ashly has been acutely aware of the changing circumstances within travel therapy and has handled things quickly and independently. She is always unselfish and ready to help

others. I have been most impressed with Ashly's ability to deal with pressure and uncertainty. She has never lost her composure or been thrown off balance because of the changing circumstances that often come when working as a travel therapist."

**Lori Cobb, RN**

*Medsource*  
Specialty: **Cardiac Cath Lab**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Gary Sunday, Recruiter**

"Lori is the perfect traveler. Exceptionally skilled, well-liked, and fits in wherever she goes. In the five years she has traveled with us, she has always received stellar performance reviews from every client she has done as assignment with."

**Rebecca Collins, BLS, ACLS, PALS RN Network**

Specialty: **Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Michele Kluger, Senior Healthcare Recruiter**



"Rebecca is the consummate professional. Her managers have shared that she is a great team player, clinically knowledgeable, friendly to staff, and very caring for

patients and families. Rebecca has the balance of great nursing: compassion, knowledge, and putting her patients first. There has not been one assignment where she has not been asked to stay on for an additional three-month extension. Rebecca has knowledge in all areas of ICU, and she is willing to work in any ICU. It's a pleasure to work with her."

**Carolyn Cowling, ARRT, ACLS, BLS Triage Staffing**

Specialty: **Cardiac Cath Lab**

Years Traveling: **10**

Nominated by: **Kelly Murphy, Vice President**



"If I had a friend or family member needing a cath lab procedure, I would want Carolyn in the room—bottom line. Recently, after a pipe burst in the apartment above

Carolyn's, she left me a message at 3 a.m., joking that she 'needed a rowboat' and a new place to stay. Without missing a beat, she reported to work that morning at 7 a.m. There are thousands of travelers working across the country, but a very select few would find themselves homeless in the middle of the night and still maintain their focus on staffing the hospital and ensuring patient care is not adversely affected."

**Dwayne Cox, RN, BLS, ACLS, PALS Trinity Healthcare Staffing Group**

Specialty: **Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **9**

Nominated by: **Donna Bunch, Recruiter**



"Dwayne consistently displays the character, compassion, clinical skill, and professionalism we want patients and clients to see when they think of Trinity Healthcare. He's the

nurse you'd want to see if you were on the other side of the bedrail. We're extremely proud to have him!"



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## Anna "Chris" Creager, RN

*Medical Solutions*

Specialty: **Medical/Surgical**

Years Traveling: **3.5**

Nominated by: **Doug Rowe,**

**Career Consultant**



"This past year, I was fortunate enough to become Anna's recruiter, and within the first month of working with her, I could tell she was someone

special. The real test came this year when Anna's daughter and grandson were in a car accident that resulted in severe injuries to both of them. Her daughter has had several surgeries to repair many breaks in her ankle and throughout her lower extremities. Her grandson suffered a fractured leg. She told me that although she would love to end her contract to be with her family, she made a commitment to the hospital and to us, and she would honor the contract. Of course, as any good parent, she made sure that her daughter would be fine without her before she made her decision to stay."

## Amanda Crow, RN, ADN-BLS, ACLS *Trustaff*

Specialties: **Medical/Surgical, Telemetry**

Years Traveling: **2**

Nominated by: **Scott Smith, Lead**

**Nurse Recruiter**



"Over the past two years, I feel I've gotten to know Mandy pretty well and consider her to be a friend. Everywhere she has gone, the facilities we have

worked with thanked us for sending them such a wonderful nurse. Mandy has a fantastic attitude and energetic spirit; I couldn't be more thankful to work with such a great person."

## Carol Cruber-Carey, RN

*American Nursing Services Inc.*

Specialty: **Rural/Frontier Nursing**

Years Traveling: **10**

Nominated by: **Kirsten Gurley, National  
Business Development**

"Carol's sense of adventure brought her to Alaska from the Southeast in 1999. From her very first assignment, she has represented American Nursing with exemplary professionalism. Her ICU, M/S, pediatric, and flight nurse background gave her the perfect platform for meeting the nursing challenges in our rural/frontier Alaska settings. She repeatedly dedicates her energies to our clients

by unhesitatingly working any shift, taking call, and working many extra hours whenever needed. Our clients seek her out not only to meet staffing needs, but also to assist in supporting newly hired permanent staff as they transition into the facility."

## Mary Davis, RN, BSN, BLS

*Advantage RN*

Specialty: **Medical/Surgical**

Years Traveling: **1.6**

Nominated by: **Advantage RN**



"Mary Davis is the epitome of what a recruiter should seek in a traveler. She is professional and dependable, and a respectable representative of Advantage RN. We can always

count on her. Mary utilizes her knowledge base to her full potential and receives excellent evaluations. She works 60 hours per week and never misses a shift."

## Lenore Del Grosso, RN

*Medical Express*

Specialty: **Operating Room**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Jackie Nelson,**

**Recruitment Manager**



"I've worked with many travel nurses, and when I think about the ideal travel nurse candidate, Lenore Del Grosso is the person who first comes to mind. Not only has she

earned superior references, but she's easy to work with. Lenore works in the OR, which can be very stressful; however, she is known for being calm and having a good sense of humor, and she is well-respected. Nurse managers have asked for her to return to their facilities because of the great impression she leaves with staff and patients. I am proud to be her recruiter!"

## Shannon Delker, RN, BSN

*TeamStaff Rx*

Specialty: **Cardiovascular Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Judy Wilson,**

**Senior Recruiter**



"Shannon is a fantastic traveler who always receives great reviews and requests to return from managers. She is flexible and goes with the flow on any critical care unit:

CVICU, MICU, SICU. Shannon's clinical abilities, infectious enthusiasm, and adaptability on each new assignment make her a real pleasure, and the definition of a true traveler."

## Caleb Depp, CPR, ALCS, PALS, Certified Trauma RN

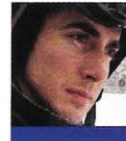
*MedStaff Healthcare Solutions*

Specialty: **Emergency**

Years Traveling: **2.5**

Nominated by: **Elgin Akarsoy,**

**Senior Recruiter**



"If one could clone the ideal traveler, it would be Caleb. He is an outstanding clinician who is admired and respected by his peers. He is a true team player, loyal, reliable, and

flexible. His understanding attitude and great sense of humor make him a pleasure to work with, and I only hope we continue to work together for many years."

## Donna DeTullio, RN

*RSI Medical Staffing*

Specialty: **Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **8**

Nominated by: **Jenny Claypool,**

**Division Manager**

"Donna has proven to be an excellent nurse, one of the best I have ever worked with. Donna is extremely knowledgeable, reliable, and hard-working, and she goes above and beyond every chance she gets. Donna is an asset to every facility she signs on with and is always asked to extend. I truly enjoy working with Donna and hope to for years to come. Thanks for all you do, Donna."

## Jennifer Dore, MPT

*CoreMedical Group*

Discipline: **Physical Therapy**

Specialties: **Outpatient, Inpatient**

Years Traveling: **3.5**

Nominated by: **Maura Iaquina, Senior**

**Allied Health Recruiter**



"Jennifer has consistently traveled with us since May 2006. She is an exceptional traveler. Our clients love her, and she is always offered

extensions. Jennifer has traveled to many different states. She is a wonderful, delightful person; a hard worker; and very efficient."

## Shannon Downing, BSN, ACLS, ENPC, PALS

*RTG Medical*

Specialties: **Emergency, Post-Anesthesia,  
Endoscopy**

Years Traveling: **10**

Nominated by: **Cory Eikmeier, Senior  
Recruiter**

"Shannon is one of the most hard-working and dependable travelers I have ever worked with. She is truly enjoyable to work with, and the facilities love her. She is one of a kind!"



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## Jessica Edelen, Certified PTA

*Delta Flex Travelers*  
Discipline: **Physical Therapy**  
Years Traveling: **2.5**  
Nominated by: **William Ho, Director of Recruiting**



"Jessica was the first traveler ever to be on assignment with our company. She has stuck with us since the very beginning and has traveled all over the United States,

from Tennessee to Texas, all the way to Idaho. She currently holds eight state licenses. She is excellent clinically and has a great personality. She represents us well wherever she goes."

## Lisa Edmond, RN, ACLS, BLS

*National Healthcare Staffing*  
Specialty: **Telemetry**  
Years Traveling: **3**  
Nominated by: **Ashlee Brown, Senior Nurse Recruiter**



"In her years as a traveler with NHS, Lisa has been to multiple locations and made a lasting impression on all. She is consistently renewed for

contracts and has been requested by previous nurse managers to fill their needs. Lisa is very passionate about her profession and always has a positive attitude. She remains on top of her requirements and is willing to go the extra mile. She adapts well to her environment and exhibits what travelers are there to be—flexible to the hospital's needs."

## Margaret Emme, RN

*Health Specialists Inc.*  
Specialty: **Operating Room**  
Years Traveling: **2**  
Nominated by: **Cindy Hafenstine, Director**



"Margaret is a wonderful nurse. She is well-liked by her patients, peers, and supervisors. We could not ask for a better employee. We love her!"

## John Fielder, SLP, VitalStim Certified

*Foundation Rehab Staffing*  
Discipline: **Speech-Language Pathology**  
Specialty: **Adult Care**  
Years Traveling: **2.5**  
Nominated by: **Travis Nunley, Operations Manager**



"John is the model of the perfect travel therapist. His work ethic and patient care are second to none. He is understanding, flexible, and

true to his word. His wife, Melissa, will go online and assist in finding housing for them, and send me options that fit into our budget and their needs. John represents Foundation in a way that makes us proud."

## Russell Fine, RN

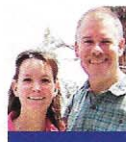
*Nightingale Nurses*  
Specialties: **Medical/Surgical, Telemetry**  
Years Traveling: **6**  
Nominated by: **Shannon Collins, Senior Staffing Manager**

"Russell is dedicated to the highest quality of patient care. He is flexible and will literally go anywhere. He is such an excellent representation of our company, and he is wonderful to work with both personally and professionally."

## Chris Flaten, RN, BLS, ACLS, PALS, NRP, and Carrie Kehoe, RN, BLS, ACLS, PALS, NRP

*Medical Staffing Solutions, Inc.*  
Specialties: **Emergency, Pediatric Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **4**  
Nominated by: **Jim Marsh, President**



"We can place Chris and Carrie in any ER or PICU for assignment and have peace of mind knowing that they will adapt quickly to the unit with minimal orientation, show a positive attitude, and perform in an extremely dependable manner. Upon completion of every assignment, we receive outstanding reviews and evaluations on their performance. Chris and Carrie are highly respected, and we are proud to have them as part of our team!"

## Bob Friedowitz, PharmD

*Infinity Medstaff*  
Discipline: **Pharmacy Management**  
Specialties: **Retail, Hospital**  
Months Traveling: **3**  
Nominated by: **Chad Bennett, Vice President of Operations**



"Bob has been a great asset to our traveler team and to the pharmacy profession. His honesty, loyalty, and overachieving attitude are unmatched and have allowed

him to quickly be promoted to the pharmacist in charge. In fact, the very qualities I spoke of have allowed him the opportunity to convert to a full-time employee with our client in California. After working with Bob, I now consider him a friend, and our company will miss him very much."

## Jean Gagne-Blomberg, RN, ADN

*CoreMedical Group*  
Specialty: **Cath Lab**  
Years Traveling: **4**  
Nominated by: **Allison Connolly, Senior Nurse Recruiter/Travel Nursing Team Leader**



"Jean epitomizes what it is to be a competent and pleasant traveler. She earns respect wherever she goes.

She has been traveling with us since 2005, is extremely loyal, and has given our company many referrals. Jean is requested back from previous assignments time and time again."

## Jody Gianares, RN

*HRN Services Inc.*  
Specialty: **Cardiovascular/Thoracic Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **6**  
Nominated by: **Julie Walters, Supervisor, Travel Services**



"Jody has worked for HRN since 2004. She has demonstrated knowledge, professionalism, and an ability to adapt to many different

situations in numerous hospital settings. Jody has extensive experience working in teaching facilities, where she can pass along her expertise to those around her."



**Jennifer Glasgow, RN, BLS**

*Millenia Medical*

Specialty: **Medical/Surgical**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Kent Tennison, Travel Recruiter**



"Jennifer has done 10 assignments with Millenia. She has a great attitude and is always willing to help out where needed. She is a hard

worker and always gets a glowing reference from all facilities where she has worked."

**Debra Glass, RN**

*InteliStaf Travel*

Specialty: **Telemetry**

Years Traveling: **2.5**

Nominated by: **Joseph Andrews, Recruiter**



"Dee always has excellent references from each facility where she has worked. She has also generously taken new travelers under her

wing and helped them transition into the travel nursing world."

**Mary Goodman, RN, BSN**

*Bestaff Arcadia*

Specialty: **Psychiatry**

Years Traveling: **1.5**

Nominated by: **Mark Lausche, Staffing Specialist**



"Mary Goodman is the model travel nurse. She is professional, knowledgeable, conscientious, and compassionate. Our clients

count on her reliability. Not only does she never miss a shift, she often volunteers to help out by picking up uncovered shifts."

**Christine Gosz, NBCOT**

*Club Staffing*

Discipline: **Occupational Therapy**

Specialties: **Acute, Sub-Acute, Inpatient, Rehab**

Years Traveling: **9**

Nominated by: **Cyndi Stamler, Recruiting Manager**



"Christine has treated corporate to an in-service education seminar on the role of OT in today's world. Christine is always asked to

extend and always invited to return to a contract. She is loyal, flexible, intelligent, compassionate, hard-working—there are not enough words to describe this outstanding healthcare professional."

**Jason Gough, MS**

*Sunbelt Staffing*

Discipline: **Physical Therapy**

Specialty: **Patient Rehab**

Years Traveling: **7**

Nominated by: **Jimmy Bowen, Account Executive**



"Jason is a truly flexible traveler. He works well with all types of managers and in all types of work situations. He is the perfect traveler. He is

above the rest in integrity, professional competence, and leadership."

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**Carol Guillory, ACLS**  
*Travel Nurse Across America*  
Specialties: **Post-Anesthesia, Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **4**  
Nominated by: **Derek King, Director of Recruiting/Recruiter**



"Carol has literally traveled from coast to coast—Eureka, Calif., to Beaufort, S.C.—with us. Her extensive training and vast experience allow her to work in any critical care area of a hospital. Hospitals love Carol because she is so flexible and sensitive to their needs."

**Julie Irving, RN, CPR, ACLS, NRP, Advanced Fetal Monitor Certificate**  
*NovaPro Staffing*

Specialty: **Labor and Delivery**  
Years Traveling: **3.5**  
Nominated by: **Holly McManaway, Area Staffing Manager**



"Julie is always very positive, and she travels because she enjoys the adventure. Facilities love her! Comments from evaluators: 'Ms. Irving is an exemplary worker who continuously performs above standards.' 'She is the most professional nurse I have ever met, and I hate to lose her.'"

**Lori King, RN, BSN**  
*Worldwide Travel Staffing*  
Specialties: **Emergency, Intensive Care**  
Years Traveling: **2**  
Nominated by: **Kathy Palumbo, Senior Nurse Recruiter**



"Everyone loves Lori! This is one RN who takes full advantage of all that is offered in travel nursing. She is on assignment in Guam and has visited Thailand, Bali, Palau, and the Philippines during this engagement."

**Glenda Hardy, RN**  
*Professional Placement Resources*  
Specialty: **Medical/Surgical**  
Years Traveling: **6**  
Nominated by: **Stacy Pavish, Senior Healthcare Recruiter**



"Glenda is such a delight to work with. She is always very happy, is very flexible, and has a great sense of humor. These days, the options have been tough for travelers, and she has been very understanding and flexible on her location. She is truly a workaholic, working an estimated 99 hours per week, and she seems to love life."

**Lisa Jenkins, RN, BLS, ACLS**  
*Expedient Medstaff*  
Specialty: **Endoscopy/ Gastroenterology Lab**

Years Traveling: **8**  
Nominated by: **Colleen Brown, Senior Travel Recruiter**



"Lisa is an exemplary employee, flexible, friendly, and compassionate, yet always professional."

**Kristie Koo**  
*UHC Solutions*  
Specialty: **Pediatric Intensive Care**  
Years Traveling: **4**  
Nominated by: **Scott Phillips, Director of Travel Nursing**

"Incredible to work with not only on the placement side, but also once on assignment with the facility. Facility staff says she is well beyond her years when it comes to patient care."

**Kathleen Jindra, RN, BLS, ACLS**  
*Supplemental Health Care*  
Specialty: **Emergency**  
Years Traveling: **1**  
Nominated by: **Michelle Vitow, Recruiting Manager**



"Kathy is an exceptionally strong RN. She has been a nurse for more than 25 years and recently decided to enter the field of travel nursing. Kathy has successfully completed numerous assignments at the largest trauma and teaching facilities in upstate New York."

**Jan Kyle, BSN**  
*ALTRES Medical*  
Specialties: **Pediatric Intensive Care, Telemetry, Medical/Surgical**  
Years Traveling: **1**  
Nominated by: **Lana Luke, Healthcare Recruiter**



"Jan is an exceptional nurse with a big heart. She became a travel nurse to fulfill her son's dream of going to college in Hawaii and is truly grateful to be working here. Currently on her second assignment with us, she is working again for the same client, who is ecstatic to have her back in the ICU. They even accommodated her with the night shifts she prefers."

**Elaine Henderson, SLP/CCC**  
*Soliant Health*  
Disipline: **Speech-Language Pathology**  
Specialty: **Nursing Homes**  
Years Traveling: **4.25**  
Nominated by: **Jeff Harris, Senior Associate**



"Elaine has been a great traveler and is very deserving of the award."

**Andy Jones, RN, ACLS, BLS**  
*ADEX Medical Staffing*  
Specialties: **Dialysis, Emergency**  
Years Traveling: **2**

Nominated by: **Ken Rickert, Director, Eastern Regional Operations**



"Andy is an excellent ER and dialysis RN, and a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. He has been offered an extension at every travel assignment he has had. Our clients love him."

**Sarah Landrum, RN**  
*Axis Healthcare Staffing*  
Specialties: **Telemetry, Intermediate Care**  
Years Traveling: **3**  
Nominated by: **Jim Waxman, Senior Recruiter**

"Sarah is a remarkable RN who truly represents what the travel industry is all about."



**Nita Mackey, ARRT (R)(M)(CT)**  
*American HealthCorps Inc.*

Discipline: **Imaging**  
Specialties: **X-Ray, CT, Mammography, Ultrasound**

Years Traveling: **2.5**  
Nominated by: **Jason Murray, Recruiter**

"Nita is a multifaceted imaging (X-ray/CT/mammo/ultrasound) traveler who worked X-ray and CT in a small, rural setting for six months. Nita is steadfastly reliable, highly skilled in her craft, and flexible. She has a positive attitude, is willing to go above and beyond to cover the needs of the facility, and will go anywhere in the country."

**Linda Mathews, RN**  
*Across America Med Staffing*

Specialty: **Emergency**  
Years Traveling: **6**

Nominated by: **Kim Lawrence, Senior Recruiter**



"Linda consistently gives a 100 percent effort on all her assignments. Always asked to extend, she is a quietly competent team player and

a very special person. She is an experienced traveler who loves adventure and immediately integrates herself into any community."

**Jeffrey Matteson, ARRT**  
*RTG Medical*

Discipline: **Radiologic Technology**  
Specialties: **X-Ray, CT**

Years Traveling: **5**  
Nominated by: **Jason Riley, Senior Recruiter**



"Jeff Matteson is exactly what you look for in a traveler. He is very easy to get along with, very loyal, and willing to help out any-

where he is needed. He works any shift the facility needs him for."

**Mary McCarthy, RN, ACLS, PALS, BLS/CPR, TNCC, AMCC**  
*CRU48*

Specialties: **Emergency, Intensive Care, Trauma**

Years Traveling: **6**  
Nominated by: **Lainey Anderson, Placement Specialist**



"Mary is a highly skilled clinician whose professionalism and enthusiasm differentiate her from other travelers. When a facility is

'in crisis' and they call CRU48 for immediate relief, Mary is always the first traveler who

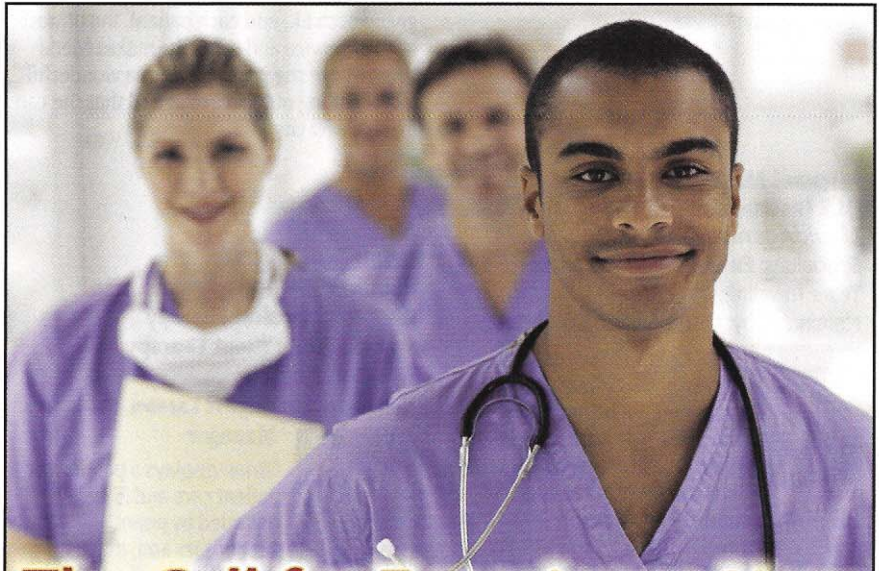
comes to my mind. She has the ability to greatly impact the facilities she travels to within a short time of her arrival."

**Andrea McCloud, RN, BLS, ACLS, PALS**  
*On Assignment Nurse Travel*

Specialties: **Operating Room, Recovery Room**

Years Traveling: **4**  
Nominated by: **Stacey Hite, Senior Nurse Recruiter**

"Andrea is adventurous, reliable, dedicated, and hard-working. Over the years that I have worked with her, she has become a friend and mentor."



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**Michael Montano, RN, ACLS, BLS**  
*HealthOne Staffing*  
Specialties: **Intensive Care, Emergency**  
Years Traveling: **3.75**

Nominated by: **Josh Allison, Senior Recruiter**



"Michael is always positive and upbeat, and he definitely loves traveling. He is very easy to work with. I know I can count on Michael when we need something from

him, and on top of it all, he does a great job at the hospital he works for. Everyone just loves the guy!"

**Michael Moyer, RN, EMT, BLS Instructor**

*LiquidAgents Healthcare*  
Specialties: **Emergency, Critical Care**  
Years Traveling: **4**

Nominated by: **Cindy Yates, Recruiter**



"Mike has always done an outstanding job at every assignment he has done for us. Not only is he reliable and a constant professional, but he is fun and a joy to speak with.

His positive attitude and reliability make him a treasured traveler. In the three years we have worked together, I have only heard positive feedback."

**Donna Nash, RN, ACLS, BLS**

*American Mobile Healthcare*  
Specialty: **Telemetry**  
Years Traveling: **10**

Nominated by: **Heather Murray, Recruiter**



"Donna is an exceptional nurse and model traveler. Within the past year, after almost a decade hiatus, she returned to travel nursing. She is an advocate for our

company and the travel nursing industry overall, and a role model to new travelers starting out in their careers. Donna made the decision to retire from her permanent position and come back to travel nursing full-time, this time bringing her husband and their RV. Her love for the nursing profession and her consistent, positive energy are contagious and much respected."

**Danielle Newton, RN**

*Travel Nurse Solutions*  
Specialty: **Emergency**  
Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Jennifer Laughlin, Recruiter**



"Danielle understands and respects what it really means to be a travel nurse. Danielle looks at every new contract as an adventure, as an opportunity to not only learn and

experience a new part of the country, but also to serve and assist. She truly cares about giving each ER, and each patient, the utmost level of service and care. She makes friends everywhere she goes and does a wonderful job of getting out there to see all that she can in each new city."

**Brian O'neill, PTA**

*Platinum Select*  
Discipline: **Physical Therapy**  
Specialty: **Outpatient Therapy**  
Years Traveling: **1**

Nominated by: **August Larson, Sales Manager**



"Brian displays a passion for patient care and is well-regarded by peers, supervisors and, most importantly, patients. His

compassion and attitude make him a standout in the profession."

**Joy Owen, RN**

*Continental Travelnurse Ltd.*  
Specialties: **Elder Care, Medical/Surgical**  
Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Bianca Gray, Recruiter**



"Joy truly does live up to her name. Since 2005, she has completed 13 assignments across England and Scotland. Everywhere she goes, the clients always ask her to stay

longer. Wherever she is, she will ask me for the contact details of new arrivals to take them under her wing and welcome them to the area. Joy has never turned down a contract, accepting some of the toughest positions, such as a six-month, heart-wrenching home care assignment. Joy really is a joy!"

**Sarah Parlin, OT**

*Onward Healthcare*  
Discipline: **Occupational Therapy**  
Years Traveling: **2**

Nominated by: **Heather Markelz, Recruitment Manager**



"Sarah is an extraordinary therapist whose optimistic attitude and fun-loving personality make her a favorite among her supervisors, co-workers, and patients. She is

extremely well-respected everywhere she goes, and her managers have often gone out of their way to reach out to us and compliment the great work that Sarah does."

**Rebecca Patnode, RN**

*Western Staffing*  
Specialty: **Medical/Surgical**  
Years Traveling: **2**

Nominated by: **Eddie Money, Director of Nurse Travel**



"Rebecca is the ultimate healthcare travel professional. Rebecca has a very high standard of professionalism, is very flexible, and works well in

any given environment. She has been loved at every assignment, and each facility has requested her specifically for extensions and new openings."

**Karolee Pearson, RN, ACLS, BLS, NRP**

*TaleMed*  
Specialty: **Labor and Delivery**  
Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Joe Bartoszek, Recruiter/Account Manager**



"Laid-back yet assertive and never afraid to be aggressive when the situation calls for it. Karolee is a recruiter's dream to work with. When asked how she has enjoyed travel nursing with TaleMed, she says, 'Travel nursing allows me to do what I love and love what I do.'"

**Felina Penacerrada, RN, BS, ADN**

*Quik Travel Staffing Inc.*  
Specialty: **Dialysis**  
Years Traveling: **20**

Nominated by: **Jim O'Donnell, Account Manager**



"Felina is a professional of the highest order. She represents the company and her profession at the highest level. This is demonstrated by her



being extended virtually on all her assignments. She is a warm and engaging person, and an absolute joy to work with."

**Natalee Pendergraft, RN, BSN**  
*Sagent Healthstaff*

Specialty: **Operating Room**  
Years Traveling: **5.5**

Nominated by: **Scott Rundlett, Western Regional Manager**



"Natalee continues to get outstanding reviews from her past and current managers, and is a pleasure to deal with on the phone. She is always upbeat and keeps a positive attitude. Hospitals are constantly asking for her to return."

**Bobbi Polley, BCLS, HEW Exempt**  
*Medical Solutions*

Discipline: **Medical Technology**  
Years Traveling: **2.5**

Nominated by: **Jenifer Hamilton, Career Consultant**



"We received a need for a med tech at White Eagle in Oklahoma; their facility was in trouble after their last CLIA inspection and needed someone with experience to help them get ready for their next evaluation. We had Bobbi Polley, who had previous experience with CLIA. They interviewed and loved her! With only a few months to get everything up to CLIA expectations, Bobbi hit the task head-on. The director was so impressed with Bobbi's performance that he offered to extend her six months. He has already expressed to us that if he cannot find someone permanent to replace her, he will continue to extend until he does."

**Nancy Reamsma, RN, BSN, JD, PALS, NRP, ACLS, BLS**

*Cambridge Healthcare*

Specialties: **Obstetrics/Labor and Delivery and Recovery, Operating Room**

Years Traveling: **2.5**

Nominated by: **Bob Bowles, Recruiter**



"In addition to always representing our company in a highly professional manner, Nancy is hard-working, flexible, dependable, and caring, and a skilled clinician. Our clients have had nothing but praise for her, and she is always willing to be a resource to others. Recently, Nancy braved the weather in Alaska—where she and four of our travelers are working—to pick up one of our travelers at the airport."

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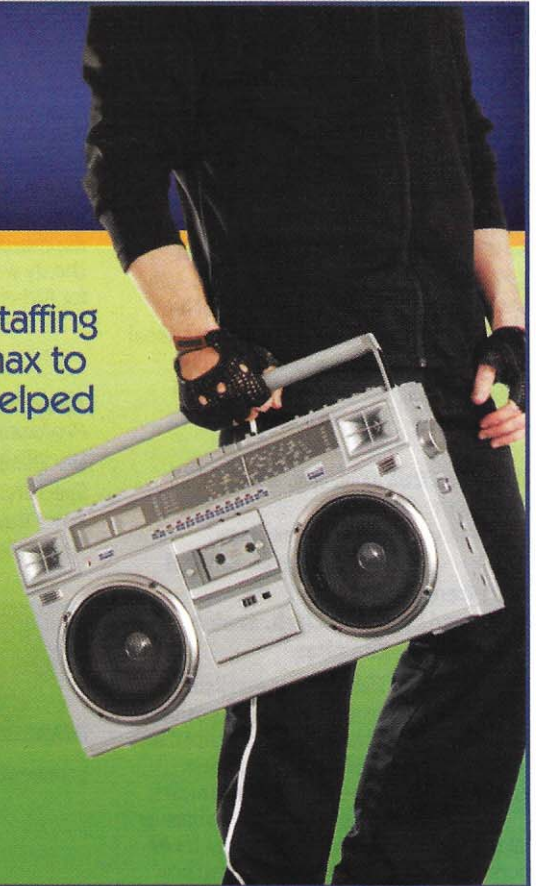
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## Michael Reynolds

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Discipline: **Radiology**

Specialty: **Ultrasound Technician**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Patrick Jackson, Nurse Recruiter**



"Michael arrived at Guam Authority when the hospital was having problems with its primary ultrasound provider. He helped out revamping

the unit by working long hours and extra days, filling in when needed, and essentially being the backbone of the facility's ultrasound department."

## Audrey Rieger, RN, BLS, PALS, ALCS, TNCC, PALS Instructor

Freedom Healthcare Staffing

Specialties: **Emergency, Endoscopy**

Years Traveling: **7**

Nominated by: **Ryan Mordecai, Senior Healthcare Recruiter**



"Audrey is a role model within her profession. She is a superior clinician, and her skills are only rivaled by her caring and compassionate attitude toward her patients."

## Russell Roach, RN, BCLS, ACLS, PALS

MedPro Staffing

Specialties: **Medical/Surgical, Medical/Surgical Telemetry**

Years Traveling: **6**

Nominated by: **Katie Young, Senior Recruiter/Hospital Account Manager**



"It is effortless to work with Russell. He loves what he does, and is very professional and very humorous. Any facility would be lucky to have him."

## Deborah Roberts, RN, BLS, ACLS

The Right Solutions

Specialties: **Telemetry, Oncology, Medical/Surgical, Clinical**

Years Traveling: **8**

Nominated by: **Robin Clark, Senior Recruiter**



"Deborah has excellent nursing skills and a positive attitude. She is described as a team player and patient advocate by travel facilities, and is known to do whatever it

takes to get the job done. She enjoys travel nursing because it allows her to meet new people and experience new places."

## Robert "Bob" Robins, RN, BLS, ACLS

Med-Staff Oklahoma

Specialties: **Intensive Care, Emergency**

Years Traveling: **8**

Nominated by: **Richard Parks, Manager**



"Bob is one of the best travelers I have ever worked with. He is an extremely competent CVICU nurse who has received outstanding client surveys after each

assignment. For the past 11 months, Bob has worked in Anchorage, Alaska, in CVICU. His manager is trying to talk Bob into staying on full-time, which is the best compliment we can get from them."

## April Rogers, RN

Clinical One

Specialty: **Operating Room**

Years Traveling: **8**

Nominated by: **Amanda Belloff, Recruitment Manager**



"April Rogers is an extraordinary travel nurse and human being. April is heavily involved in her community, local healthcare, and helping to grow the nursing profession.

In 2004, April started a Women's Health Ministry, where she teaches women's health, helps to coordinate various outreach programs for her church and the community, volunteers to help the church's weight-loss challenge by doing member weigh-ins, and writes a monthly health awareness article for the church. April is also actively involved in charity walks to raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's and diabetes."

## Anne Rudolph, COTA

Professional Placement Resources

Discipline: **Occupational Therapy**

Specialty: **Skilled Nursing**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Matt Baum, Senior Healthcare Recruiter**



"Anne is always open to location and very flexible with setting. She is a loyal traveler and a PPR cheerleader. Anne's assignment reviews always come back with positive

comments and feedback."

## Thomas Schumacher, MPT

Supplemental Health Care

Discipline: **Physical Therapy**

Specialty: **Outpatient Ortho**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Erin Hirtle, Staffing Manager**



"Tom is recognized for his flexibility, consistency, and dedication to patient care. We have received excellent performance evaluations from each facility that he has

worked in. Tom is always open to remote locations and is an outstanding employee."

## Kristina Selkirk, RN

Curastat Healthcare Group

Specialty: **Labor and Delivery**

Years Traveling: **2+**

Nominated by: **Allen Schwarzbach, Manager of Staffing Services**

"Kristina is flexible on locations and has traveled from Louisiana to California. At each facility Kristina has worked at, she has become a valuable team member. Clients think highly of her, and she is always asked to extend on contract. Kristina has an ability to work in any environment."

## Donna Shirkey, RN

TeamStaff Rx

Discipline: **Electrophysiology**

Years Traveling: **7**

Nominated by: **Dawn Brown, Healthcare Staffing Professional**



"Donna is an exceptional RN who enjoys sharing her passion and knowledge of electrophysiology with those around her. She always receives outstanding

evaluations for her expertise, professionalism, and dedication to her profession."

## Romona Slay, RN, BLS, ACLS

Nursefinders Travel

Specialties: **Cardiovascular Intensive Care, Intensive Care**

Years Traveling: **4**

Nominated by: **Judy Kruszon, Director of Recruiting**



"Romona is an exceptional nurse with great skills and the desire to continually increase her knowledge and experience. Romona enjoys the variety of working in hospitals

of various sizes and locations, and adapts



quickly to each new situation. We receive comments on her caring attitude with patients and their families, as well as her flexibility and team-player attitude."

**Kimberly Stevens, RN**  
NursesRx  
Specialty: **Pediatric Emergency**  
Years Traveling: **1**  
Nominated by: **Melanie Douglas, Recruiter**



"This traveler is amazing! She has completed two successful assignments with me, and is extremely dependable and ethical. She is loved by all her peers and gets great feedback

from every nurse manager she works with. She absolutely loves working with kids. She takes assignments because she has a passion for helping others and a love for travel. When I am having a bad day, I know I can call Kim and she will put a smile on my face!"

**Eric Stockhoff, OT**  
Skipstone Healthcare Staffing  
Discipline: **Occupational Therapy**  
Years Traveling: **1**  
Nominated by: **Megan Narajowski, Recruiter**

"Not only is Eric a pleasure for us to work for, but our clients love him. Eric is a true professional and a credit to his profession."

**Joan Szymberski, SLP, CCC, VitalStim Certified**  
Cirrus Allied  
Discipline: **Speech-Language Pathology**  
Years Traveling: **4**  
Nominated by: **Tom Hidock, Senior Recruiter**



"Joan exemplifies the core values and attitudes of our company. Her superior skills, willingness to do good work, and positive attitude make her a joy to work with."

**John Trebilcock, RN, CNOR, BLS**  
Aureus Medical  
Specialty: **Operating Room**  
Years Traveling: **7**  
Nominated by: **Nick Shaw, Team Leader**



"John has been an outstanding employee and has become well-known for his quality of work, great knowledge, and patient advocacy. A self-starter who is passionate about his work as a nurse, he consistently demonstrates excellence in patient care, the utmost in professionalism and loyalty, and a passion for ethics. He's not just fantastic at his job, but he's modest, pleasant, and respectful."



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**Shauna Turner, RN, BLS, CPR, ACLS**  
*Hopewell Healthcare*  
Specialty: **Operating Room**  
Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Mike Doyle, Manager**



"Shauna has been a pleasure to work with from the very start. She was patient during the submittal process and has been nothing short of an angel to work with during her time here. She has never backed away from any assignment and always exceeded the expectations from each and every healthcare facility."

**Lisa Twark**  
*Med Travelers*  
Discipline: **Medical Technology**  
Years Traveling: **2+**

Nominated by: **Shannon Distler, Regional Account Manager, and Dana Gingerich, Senior Recruiter**



"I have received glowing accolades from Lisa's supervisors. One even requested Lisa back for a 26-week assignment. In her current assignment, Lisa is working as the acting laboratory director, reporting directly to the CEO. This facility is preparing for their Joint Commission review and has been preparing the laboratory based on past surveys. Lisa has stepped right in and is leading this team to excellence with her integrity, enthusiasm, and willingness to be a team player."

**Tanya Tyson, RT**  
*Bestaff Arcadia*  
Discipline: **Respiratory Therapy**  
Years Traveling: **3.5**

Nominated by: **Tony Shackelton, Senior Staffing Specialist**



"Tanya is the epitome of what I look for in a traveler. When we need a go-to traveler for a new contract, I think of Tanya. No matter how difficult or challenging the task, Tanya is always up for it. She consistently receives excellent evaluations from our clients and is a delight to work with."

**Jesse Vallejo, RN, TNCC, PALS**  
*The Quest Group*  
Specialties: **Cardiovascular Intensive Care, Intensive Care, Critical Care, Post-Anesthesia**

Years Traveling: **11**

Nominated by: **Tammy Scharbrough, Director of Travel Division**



"I cannot speak highly enough about Jesse Vallejo and his commitment to stellar patient care. He deserves recognition for his hard work and for continuously being on the front line, providing excellent clinical skills while sharing his nursing gift to anyone he touches. He was employee number one six years ago for The Quest Group, and he has the same attitude and enthusiasm today that he had day one. He is consistently flexible, knowledgeable, and compassionate."

**Theresa Walsh, RN, BSN**  
*Soliant Health*  
Specialty: **Medical/Surgical**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Christie Cannaday, Senior Account Executive**

"I've never worked with a traveler who was more dedicated to her hospital and her company. She was always at work, she was always asked by the hospitals to return, and she always received outstanding evaluations. I wish I had 10 more of her."

**Kate Westbrook, RN, TNCC, PALS, ACLS, BLS**  
*All About Staffing*

Specialty: **Emergency**

Years Traveling: **3**

Nominated by: **Patty Lissolo, Senior Healthcare Recruiter**



"Kate is an excellent emergency room nurse who carries the true spirit of what it means to be a caregiver. This past April, Kate was traveling on Highway 10 in Texas after spending a weekend with her family when she came across an accident with multiple fatalities and injuries. She was one of the first people on the scene and, without thinking, she stopped and jumped right in to help with patient care in every way she could."



**Mark White, RN, MS, CEN, TNCC, ACLS, PALS**

*Cross Country TravCorps*

Specialties: **Emergency, Pediatric Emergency**

Years Traveling: **13**

Nominated by: **Dijana Lesh, Placement Consultant**



"Mark is the epitome of the perfect traveler! He is highly skilled, flexible, and dependable, and about the nicest person you could ever work with. Mark takes assignments where he's needed and has worked in a variety of settings. He treats everyone he works with the utmost respect and kindness and delivers exceptional care to his patients and their families. It's no wonder that he's asked to extend his stay wherever he goes."

**Michelle Williamson, BLS, ACLS**

*Cirrus Medical Staffing*

Specialties: **Cardiovascular Intensive Care, Intensive Care, Emergency**

Years Traveling: **8**

Nominated by: **Jill Kenney, Senior Recruiter**



"Her incredible nursing talent and willingness to do things correctly are valuable to our organization. She's exactly what travel nursing represents."

**Barbara Wolfe, RN**

*Capitol Medical Inc.*

Specialties: **Emergency, Intensive Care/Critical Care**

Years Traveling: **1.5**

Nominated by: **Heather Downey-Payne, Director, Staffing and Recruitment**



"Barb is extremely dependable and an excellent clinician. Her flexibility allows her to stay busy while adding new experiences to her résumé. Barb represents our company well and always receives excellent facility evaluations. She doesn't complain and is considered a top performer within our company and among many others. In fact, she has been asked to extend on most of the contracts she has completed."

**Dale Yeager, ARDMS (AB)(OB), RVT**

*RSI Medical Staffing*

Discipline: **Sonography**

Specialties: **General Ultrasound, Vascular**

Years Traveling: **5**

Nominated by: **Holly Luft, Recruiter**

"Dale is loyal, dependable, knowledgeable, and loved everywhere she goes. She sets the standard for going above and beyond every time, and is truly top-notch, both professionally and personally."

**Special thanks** to all of the travel company representatives who met the difficult challenge of selecting a Traveler of the Year from their nursing and allied health divisions. **HT**

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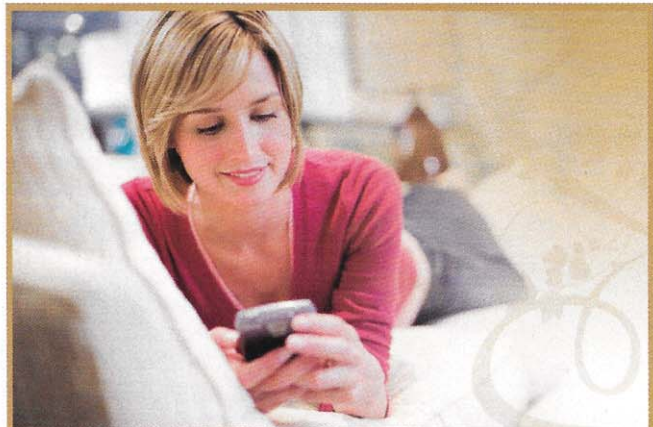
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# 2009 *Recruiters of the Year Showcase*

If you ask traveling nurses and allied professionals what they need to succeed on their assignments, they will tell you about their staffing agency recruiters. In addition to finding appropriate matches that solve clients' staffing dilemmas, the best of these industry experts go above and beyond to learn about their travelers' preferences, needs, and goals, and to make sure these issues are addressed. They quickly develop strong bonds with the clinicians they work with, becoming friends who nurture individuals as well as careers.

**W**hen *Healthcare Traveler* first invited mobile professionals to nominate recruiters in 2003, 52 staffing representatives were named "Recruiter of the Year" for their respective agencies. As in years past, we continue to celebrate the accomplishments of these talented individuals. We recently asked current travelers and those who took assignments during 2009 to vote for the most helpful, understanding, and supportive recruiters with whom they worked. And, once again, those clinicians jumped at the chance to honor their recruiters, sending in a record 78 nods.

Since that first showcase, many representatives have been recognized for their achievements time and time again. In addition to 43 new individuals who are just joining the

ranks this year, 24 recruiters have made the grade twice thus far; two have been honored three times; two are being honored for the fourth time; and six are making their fifth appearance. One exceptional company representative—Lori Press-Vidal—has been chosen for this honor every year we've offered it.

In the following pages, we highlight these professionals and what the nominating mobile healthcare providers have to say about their favorite recruiters. If you're a veteran traveler, you just may find a few old friends—or be inspired to start up a conversation. Whether you're currently on the road or just thinking about it, join us as we congratulate this year's outstanding staffing representatives in our seventh Recruiters of the Year Showcase.

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**Regina Allcorn, RN**  
Executive Director of Clinical  
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"Regina has treated me like family, and I know I am not the only one. She takes a personal interest in her travelers to make sure they are taken care of. I would follow her anywhere because

I trust her. I can't say enough good things about her. To work for her is a joy. I have been with her for several years, and changing recruiters has never crossed my mind. She is awesome!"

**Brendan Bartic**  
Senior Recruitment Manager  
Aspen Medical Staffing  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Brendan is available 24/7 and has always come through when I needed him. His industry connections and dedication to getting me what I want places him above and beyond any other recruiter I have ever worked with!"

**Joe Bartoszek**  
Recruiter/Account Manager  
TaleMed



"I have worked with Joe exclusively for the past two years. He has been my rock for learning and loving the travel industry. His honesty, integrity, compassion, and knowledge of the job have

guided me through some of the best and, at times, frustrating assignments. He follows up with me frequently before, during, and after assignments, making me feel very secure that he does care. Joe definitely goes above and beyond my expectations of what most recruiters do. His passion to work for me encourages me to work hard for him. I would not want to work with anyone else."

**Chad Bennett**  
Vice President of Operations  
Infinity Medstaff



"Although I've never met Chad in person, I feel like he's one of my best friends. Becoming a traveling pharmacist was very difficult for me at first. Chad made the transition very easy for me.

He answered all my questions and followed through with the questions he didn't know the answers to. He knew his job very well. He was always there for me, making sure I was comfortable with the decision I ultimately made. I will always be thankful to him for that."

**Dixie Bostick**  
Senior Recruiter  
The Quest Group

2003, 2004, and 2009 award recipient



"Dixie made my first travel assignments painless. My family was in need of the money, and it wasn't a choice for myself. My husband had lost his sight, and we couldn't make it on the local pay. Dixie

went out of her way to help me through the transition and make the experience a great one. She was so good, I considered doing another contract. For now, I will stay local to be with my family, but I will travel again and with no one else; she's not only my recruiter but a friend!"

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**Bob Bowles**  
Recruiter  
Cambridge Healthcare  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Bob consistently calls all of us to make sure we are not having any issues or just to see how we are doing. We have even received unexpected surprises in the mail to let us all know he hasn't

forgotten we are out in the 'bush' of Alaska, where supplies are difficult to find. If we had more recruiters like Bob Bowles, it would make the life of all travel nurses much easier!"

**Dawn Brown**  
Healthcare Staffing Professional  
TeamStaff Rx



"I have been a traveler for the past seven years, and Dawn is the best. She always stays on top of everything, from my housing, car rental, and air travel. She always keeps in

touch when I'm on the job to make sure everything is just right. She knows what I like to do, so she looks for jobs where I can enjoy my hobbies and still work at some really great places. Dawn is always there when I'm away from home and need someone to talk to. I couldn't ask for anyone better."

**Marisa Clark**  
Senior Recruiter  
The Quest Group



"Marisa Clark is the epitome of a great recruiter—calm, professional, and always willing to go the extra mile for me. She is not only my recruiter, she is my friend!"

**Suzanne Cobb**  
Recruiter  
Club Staffing



"I have been traveling for 10 years, and Suzanne has taken excellent care of me. She also works extra hard to find me jobs where I can park my trailer. She is always there for me when I call, or she notifies

me if she will be out of the office. Most recruiters do not work this hard to try to please their travelers."

**Allison Connolly**  
Senior Nurse Recruiter/Travel Nursing  
Team Leader  
CoreMedical Group



"Alli calls just to chat and talk, making you feel like a friend, not just a warm body. She is always interested in what you're doing and what you want."

**Regina Davis**  
Senior Recruiter  
The Right Solutions



"Regina is the bomb! She's always there for me any time I need her, always with a cheerful voice and fantastic attitude. I couldn't ask for a nicer, more professional, or caring recruiter. I love you,

Regina! Thanks for all the hard work and effort you've put into making my time with The Right Solutions the best!"

**Debra Dorn**  
Account Manager  
Titan Medical



"Debbie has been my recruiter since April 2008. She has kept me steadily employed during this time. I can always depend on her to find that next great adventure for me. She is organized and

professional, as well as approachable. She has a great personality and takes the extra time to make me feel like I am important to her and the company. It has been a pleasure working with her!"

**Scott Ferguson**  
Senior Recruiter  
Cirrus Allied



"I have worked with many different recruiters, both in the company and out, and Scott is hands down the best recruiter I have ever had. My choice to continue to

work with Cirrus was based mainly on the excellent experience I've had working with Scott."

**Jenny Galloway**  
RSI Medical Staffing

"I have been traveling for three years, and Jenny has been my one constant. She is always the one who saves me when things are not as they should be. She is my friend, my recruiter, and my confidant. She has been

invaluable. I was recently sick to the point I could not care for myself, and she took care of everything. She and her team made sure food was delivered to me, made sure I had a ride to the doctor, and had someone check on me in my apartment a couple of times a day. Everyone in the office took care of everything with work and with my personal needs. My recruiter is also aware of my personality and which jobs are appropriate for me. She consults with me on a regular basis about current and future jobs. I am very grateful to have Jenny as my recruiter."

**Courtney Giglio**  
Recruiter  
Travel Nurse Solutions



"Courtney is just the greatest recruiter! I have been with her for more than two years now, and she has always looks out for my best interests, listens to me, and is there for me.

When a nurse is on the road and facing adversities, such as we do, it is great to know you have a recruiter behind you like Courtney to listen and back you up."

**Marci Grant**  
Senior Recruiter  
InteliStaf Travel  
2006-2009 award recipient



"My wife and I are a travel nurse team. Marci has always been quick to address any issues that have cropped up. She is quick to contact us if she anticipates an issue. In short, she has made our

assignments more enjoyable because of her attention."

**Pete Hannigan**  
Senior Recruiter  
Professional Placement Resources  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Pete is the best recruiter out there. He is easy to talk to, is very conscientious, and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed him to. I have stopped traveling with him as of March 2009, but I

still call him to talk and get advice whenever I need it. I often recommend him highly to anyone considering traveling because I have never felt like he has not made my best interest a priority."

**Jennifer Hawthorne**  
Healthcare Recruiter  
All About Staffing



"Jennifer has never failed to resolve any issue I have had. I have never had any problem with her returning my calls. She was the reason I chose All About Staffing."

**Alison Hruska**  
Recruitment Manager  
Clinical One  
2005 and 2009 award recipient



"She has always been helpful, never pushy. She is very efficient. Earlier this year, I was diagnosed and treated for thyroid cancer while my husband was in the hospital with MRSA

pneumonia, and she worked with me to get jobs near our treatments. She also helped with getting all of our insurance issues straight so we wouldn't end up bankrupt. Without her help during this time, I don't know what I would have done. She is a recruiter who truly cares, which is not always easy to find in this business."

**Jason Iannotti**  
Personal Placement Consultant  
MedStaff Healthcare Solutions  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Jason is there for you 100 percent, start to finish. He gives you the feeling that you are the most important and only concern he has. Jason has taken the extra time to get to know me and

my priorities. When I needed a travel job near my mother when she needed care, he found one and made sure I could secure time to take her to doctors' appointments. He always finds me an assignment with the shifts that allow me to spend valuable time with my family. Jason cares about my financial needs, as well, and assists me in making a choice between one assignment and the next, weighing all the options for financial needs and family priorities. He follows up with me throughout the assignment just to make sure I'm happy. Jason really cares about your professional and personal well-being and happiness. You would love working with him."



And the winner is...

IntelistaF Travel would like to congratulate the 2009 Traveler of the Year, **Debra Glass**, and this year's nominees:

- Marty Keen
- Kathleen DeJesus
- Melodie Daugherty
- Hannah Garland
- Gretchen Canfield
- James Graham
- Jennifer Keister
- Barbara Spencer

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**Barbara Johnson**  
Travel Allied Recruiter  
Onward Healthcare

2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Barbara was the recruiter for my first-ever travel PT assignment. She gained my confidence with her professionalism and her efficient and caring style."

**Amie Keslar**  
Account Executive  
Soliant Health

2007 and 2009 award recipient



"Amie has been a traveler's best friend. There isn't anything she can't and won't do for her traveler. She is relentless. From finding the best housing to making countless phone calls a day on

your behalf, she is limitless and unyielding in her pursuit of an assignment for her travelers. I am proud to be one of them."

Once I arrived, she didn't forget me. She called regularly to check in with me and see if there was anything she could do for me. Of all the recruiters I had spoken with, Michele was the only one who seemed to listen to me and help me get where I wanted to be. I am proud to call her a friend. Michele Kluger is in a class all by herself!"

**David Lamondin**  
Placement Consultant  
NurseChoice

2008 and 2009 award recipient



"David has always been honest, trustworthy, and available. He cares about his travelers and goes the extra mile to take care of them, down to the littlest details. It has been an honor to have

him as my recruiter for the past two years."

**Joshua Johnston**  
National Staffing Manager  
LRS Healthcare

2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Whenever I need to get hold of Joshua, he is available. He always listens, always cares, and has helped me out during seemingly impossible situations."

**Derek King**  
Director of Recruiting/Recruiter  
Travel Nurse Across America

2005 and 2009 award recipient



"Derek knows what my interests are and works hard to match me with assignments I want. He also takes the time to know me as a person. Once I was driving between assignments while

pulling a trailer and had a flat on the freeway. I called Derek and told him my situation and location. He located the nearest Goodyear store so I could get roadside assistance and a new tire. Derek is like family to me."

**Melissa Land**  
Staffing Specialist  
MTX Therapy Services

"She always has my best interests at heart."

**Jennifer Kelley**  
Recruiter  
Cross Country TravCorps

2004-2009 award recipient



"She is absolutely the best recruiter I have ever worked with. She is always finding me great locations, such as Maui, and finding jobs for my traveling friends. I could not imagine my traveling

experience without her in it."

**Jackie Kirby**  
Allied Health Career Consultant  
Medical Solutions



"Extremely helpful and always making sure I, the traveler, was well-satisfied about my living arrangements and job. Any issues that arose were promptly dealt with. She even sent me a personal card when

my dog passed away."

**Kim Lawrence**  
Senior Recruiter  
Across America Medical Staffing

2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, and 2009 award recipient



"Kim has always been there for me, even when personal things in her own life needed to take center stage. She is a great recruiter and an even better friend to me and everything she touches."

**Kristen Kelley**  
Director of Recruiting  
Nursefinders Travel



"Kristen was absolutely amazing in placing my first travel assignment through her to Honolulu, Hawaii. This has been a truly exciting assignment—the beaches of Waikiki and Diamond Head,

swimming with dolphins, snorkeling on the North Shore. What more could you ask for? Kristen was right there, every day, helping me to make sure all my needs were met. Thank you, Kristen, you are the best."

**Michele Kluger**  
Senior Healthcare Recruiter  
RN Network

2007 and 2009 award recipient



"I had an interest in travel nursing, but wanted my first assignment to be in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I had spoken with so many recruiters about the location I wanted, but they would only call me about

positions in Minnesota, Ohio, etc. Michele Kluger read my request and called me about an assignment in St. Croix! I was so excited. I had no idea the amount of paperwork that was involved in being a travel nurse. Michele was there to help me with any questions or concerns I had about my job. Everything that I viewed as a possible problem, she quickly fixed and had me on my way to paradise."

**Andy LeSage**  
Personal Placement Consultant  
MedStaff Healthcare Solutions



"Andy is an awesome guy; he's always there for me. He keeps me ahead on my paperwork, and I never have to worry about my assignment or housing. He's an excellent recruiter, and it's

great dealing with MedStaff. I'm very happy."

**Dijana Lesh**  
Placement Consultant

**Cross Country TravCorps**  
2003, 2006, 2008, and 2009 award recipient



"I have been working with Dijana for 20 years. She is always consistent with calls, information, and assignments. She knows how to listen effectively to get needs met. She explains processes

and changes in a reasonable manner. She remembers personal information, as well. And I have had the same recruiter for 20 years—what more do I have to say? She's incredible."

**Hank Longhenry**  
Healthcare Recruiter  
**Freedom Healthcare Staffing**  
2007 and 2009 award recipient



"Hank has always looked out for my best interests and really fights to get me the resources I need to have a successful assignment."

**Lindsay Longobardi**  
Senior Recruiter  
**Professional Placement Resources**  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Lindsay always puts forth every effort to help get the best assignments for me. She is always willing to go that extra mile for her travelers."

**Crystal Lovato**  
Recruiter  
**On Assignment Nurse Travel**  
2005 and 2009 award recipient

"After a brief, pretty horrendous first travel assignment, I was shopping for a new recruiter/agency/contract. From her very first e-mail to me, I knew that Crystal 'got me.' She knew instinctively what would be a good fit for me, even before I had a clue myself. When you are hundreds or even thousands of miles away from family and friends, you need to know that someone has your best interests at heart. This has always been the case with Crystal—she is the first to go to bat for her nurses when we need something. I'm thrilled to be working with her again!"

**Leanne Mauldin, RN**  
Recruitment Manager  
**Premier Healthcare Professionals**  
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009 award recipient



"Leanne is the greatest. I have been with Leanne since I started traveling in 2003. She has the perfect attitude and is caring, helpful, conscientious, and diligent in everything she does. She is absolutely the best!"

**Jeff Maxon**  
Senior Recruiter  
**RTG Medical**  
2007 and 2009 award recipient



"I have worked with Jeff for five years. Jeff cares about his travelers' approval of an assignment contract. I can always contact him and depend on him to handle whatever situation approaches, and I know it is handled in my best interest, as the traveler."

**Holly McManaway**  
Area Staffing Manager  
**NovaPro Staffing**



"Holly has been an amazing recruiter and friend. She has helped me not only further my career, but also grow as a person. She was there for me when I moved 1,000 miles away from home and knew no one. I was so nervous, but Holly always made me believe in myself. She has been a great support. She's always honest and is beyond helpful. She really works with me to find the best fit for me. I don't consider Holly just my recruiter—she is also a great friend."

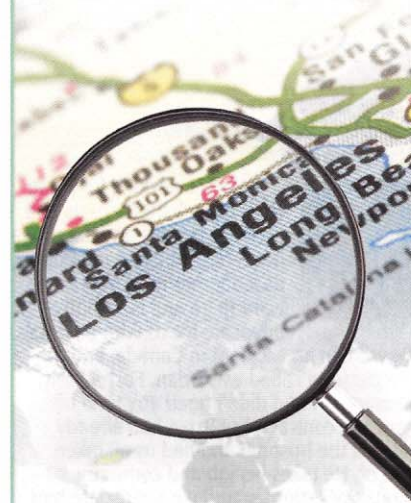
**Steve Miller**  
Staffing Specialist  
**Bestaff Arcadia**



"Steve is a great recruiter, and I can always count on him. He is the real deal, no fluff—just a bare-knuckles type of guy who always gets the job done. Because of Steve, I can proudly say that I enjoy going to work every day. Before I met Steve, I was ready to quit nursing. I had almost 10 years working in the hospital, and I was pretty burned out. Steve took a chance on me and got me my first nursing job in corrections, and I haven't looked back. Since I have been working with Steve, I always look forward to the next job. It is an honor and a privilege to be working with Steve Miller."

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## Erik Mockelstrom

Senior Account Manager, Nursing Division  
Triage Staffing



"In all of the years I have been traveling, I have never seen anyone with such dedication, tenacity, and compassion. What a refreshing concept! I am grateful he is my recruiter."

## Brian Mouradian

Healthcare Recruiter  
RN Network



"I just love working for Brian. He is always there for us and ready to resolve any issues we have. He is diligent in finding us assignments in areas we want to go and is a good advocate for us with hospitals.

We were in an accident in Canada, and the first person I called was Brian. Fortunately, we were OK and didn't need any time off from our contract, but Brian had already notified the hospital and had us all taken care of. He takes his job and commitment to us very seriously, and we appreciate him so much."

## Kelly Murphy

Senior Account Manager, Radiology Division  
Triage Staffing



"To say that Kelly Murphy continually exceeds my expectations for a recruiter would be a gross understatement. We've worked together for more than eight years, and Mr. Murphy has an uncanny

knack for managing even the most trivial details of my traveling life. I sleep well at night knowing that Mr. Murphy is diligently working to protect my best interests at all times. He has cleverly sought out strategically placed housing in safe neighborhoods, negotiated fair and equitable contracts for my wages, and always strives to find me the best working conditions possible. Since I am taller than average, I especially appreciate that he tries to find a king-size bed for my housing whenever possible! Mr. Murphy possesses a strong sense of honesty and integrity that is seldom seen in today's professional world. Mr. Murphy represents those authentic and rare qualities that make it possible for me to deliver quality and compassionate patient care every day, all across the country. He is, by far, the best representation of all that is good in the traveling healthcare industry."

## Filipe Nunes

Dialysis Travel Account Manager  
Foundation Medical Staffing



"Filipe has continually shown that he is a genuine person. He cares about and takes great care of his travelers regardless of whether they are currently on assignment with him. After my first assign-

ment with Filipe ended, I took an assignment with another company (only for location purposes). Filipe kept in contact with me during this time and even sent me a Christmas card, something that my recruiter at that time did not do. I have worked with several recruiters, but Filipe is the only one who truly seems to care about his travelers. He also continually worked hard for me, always trying to get me where I wanted to go instead of merely pushing me into an assignment in a location I had no desire to go to. He listened, he cared, and he was extremely effective."

## Tina Osuch

Senior Market Manager  
Supplemental Health Care  
2007 and 2009 award recipient



I was among Tina's first travel nurses. Tina helped me feel the confidence that I needed to walk into my first assignment at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

Her enthusiasm for me and confidence in me have always influenced my decision in working for Supplemental Health Care. Tina has always worked very hard in finding assignments for all her nurses. I am proud to be working with Tina and her team, and I hope to be working with them for many more assignments. Thanks, Tina."

## Ashley Parrish

Recruitment Manager  
Cirrus Medical Staffing



"Ashley is a great recruiter, always working hard to find assignments that fit me and my life, which has been hard hit with the economy. She is always there when I need her. Any problems that arise are fixed as soon as possible."

## Vince Poast

Recruiter  
Aureus Medical



"Vince is very conscientious and always positive about the jobs we have discussed."

## Lori Press-Vidal

Recruitment Team Leader  
National Healthcare Staffing  
2003-2009 award recipient



"Lori's professional approach to her job is only exceeded by her personal commitment to her travelers. She is truly one in a million."

## Brandon Reynolds

Senior Recruiter  
Advantage RN  
2005-2009 award recipient



"He is one of the most compassionate, caring people I have ever known. While on assignment, my best friend died around Easter, and Brandon came to my job with an Easter basket and a hug for me. He is always there 24/7, and he is true to his word and follows through. Thank you, Brandon, I love you."

## Kristen Ricci Hunt

Recruiter  
NovaPro Staffing  
2005-2009 award recipient



"Kristen is a fantastic recruiter. Even with the job market at its worst last year, she found me jobs and kept me working. She always delivers with exciting and great assignments and steers me away from the places that wouldn't fit me. She is a wonderful person, and adores her husband and daughter."

**Leigh Ross**  
 Travel Nurse Recruiter  
**Onward Healthcare**  
 2006 and 2009 award recipient



"Leigh goes out of her way to take care of me. She always checks up on me after I've been on an assignment, and she always makes sure I am happy and satisfied. Leigh also checks in with me weeks before the end of my assignment to set up my next assignment. She has made travel nursing as easy as possible."

**Kara Schaufert**  
 Lead Nurse Recruiter  
**Trustaff**  
 2006, 2008, and 2009 award recipient



"Kara is undeniably the most committed recruiter in the business. She is like family that you never get to see, but as soon as you hear her voice on the other end of the phone line, you get that warm, comfortable feeling."

**Lindsay Schoenrock**  
 Recruiter  
**Curastat Healthcare Group**

"Lindsay has such a vibrant and enthusiastic personality! I always have the sense that Lindsay is interested in me as a person, as she has taken time to get to know more than just the 'traveler' in me. She works diligently to find positions that are a good fit for me, always letting me know what is available through Curastat. It was a tough decision for me to change companies and decide to work for Curastat a year ago. Turns out I made a great decision—and Lindsay is a big part of that."

**Allen Schwarzbach**  
 Manager of Staffing Services  
**Curastat Healthcare Group**

"He has gone out of his way multiple times to make sure that my assignments are everything I expected. I know I can always count on Allen to listen to me. He is not only my recruiter, but over the years has become my friend."

**Mary Sgourdou**  
 Senior Recruiter  
**Medical Express**

"I have been a traveling nurse since 1990, and I have traveled with many companies and spoken with many recruiters over the years. Without a doubt, Mary is the best recruiter I have had. I feel very fortunate to be working with her. Her professionalism, knowledge, and experience of the industry are beyond compare. She is always friendly, approachable, and available. I know she is very busy, yet she always makes me feel like she has all the time in the world to talk to me. She has helped me get more travel nurse jobs than I can count over the years. I am very grateful. Best of all, I consider her a good friend."



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**Tony Shackelton**  
Senior Staffing Specialist  
Bestaff Arcadia

2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Tony is always there for us and strives to get us the assignments we ask for with the time off between contracts that we need. He is there for us, the travelers."

**Angela Skipper**  
Recruiter  
NursesRx



"Angela is much more than a recruiter. She goes above and beyond her job requirements to help me out during and after an assignment. If I have a problem, she will take care of it for me instead of just giving me a number for someone else. Angela is an amazing person and a great recruiter!"

**Tracy Sullivan Hall**  
Medsource

"The reason I have been with Medsource for many years is very simple: Tracy Sullivan Hall. She is professional and always makes you feel comfortable, and nothing is impossible. She has an extremely positive attitude that radiates over continents. I, as a professional, pride myself in giving the highest quality care at any facility I work at. As for my recruiter, I expect nothing less than the standard that I practice and the standard that Tracy has set. I work in a very stressful environment, but I always know that when things get tough all I have to do is pick up the phone and it is instant therapy! Her bubbly, positive attitude washes away any stress of the day. Tracy is more than just my recruiter; she is my family. The standard that Tracy has set is a standard that all recruiters should aspire to."

**Nick Shaw**  
Senior Account Manager  
Aureus Medical



"Nick is always helpful and keeps in touch during and after assignments. He works to get good contracts for me."

**Rick Smith**  
Recruiter  
FASTAFF



"Great guy and dedicated. He's been my recruiter for 13 years; no punches, all the truth up front."

**Jason Sipple**  
National Recruiter  
Jackson Therapy Partners



"Jason has worked very hard to find me the best and most compatible assignments to fit my needs and wants, while also being friendly and compassionate at what he does. I truly appreciate the working relationship we have built, and I feel comfortable putting my placements in his hands."

**Shannyn Snyder**  
Senior Recruiter  
TG Healthcare



"Shannyn is my 'recruiter of the year' every day. She has a genuine interest in what I'm doing in the workplace and away from it. Shannyn is upbeat and positive, and always returns my calls promptly. No matter what I need, she gets it—and fast. I cannot say enough about Shannyn; she is a pleasure to work with, and she brightens my day."

**Kent Tennison**  
Travel Recruiter  
Millenia Medical  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"This recruiter is my business partner in the way he finds me work. But, more importantly, he has become a wonderful friend."

**Carol Ann Sitzmann**  
Senior Account Manager  
Sunbelt Staffing  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"For out-hustling the other recruiters and going above and beyond the call of duty, even if it means calling the facility to see if they have additional needs beyond those posted. This is important when trying to find both my wife and I jobs at the same facility."

**Shambra Speckmear**  
Recruitment Manager  
Clinical One



"Shambra is great. She always has the best interest of the traveler in mind. She's awesome at finding jobs that fit exactly what you want. Shambra is honest and assists with every step of the way when starting a new assignment. She also keeps in touch regularly to make sure you are doing well. She's the best!"

**Titus Thomas**  
Recruiter  
FASTAFF  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Titus is the best. He is always just a phone call away, and he is even available on weekends. Titus e-mailed a picture of himself to me so I can actually put a face to his voice. Titus even sends flowers via e-mail. We talk at least once a week, sometimes more, and e-mail several times a week."

**Marnie Tracey**  
Senior Recruiter

**American Mobile Healthcare**



"Marnie is a great recruiter. She is personable, knowledgeable, and fun. She is always there when I need her, and she is not only interested in getting me a job, but in getting me the right job. She knows me and thus knows what fits me well. I have and will continue to recommend her to other travelers."

**Ana Trevathan, RN, BSN**  
Recruiter

**Medical Staffing Solutions, Inc.**  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"Having been a traveler herself, Ana is acutely aware of the needs and concerns of the traveling professional. She is helpful in answering any question you may have and is honest and forthright. She even takes her BlackBerry on vacations so as not to be out of touch with her travelers. Ana is the best."

**Mari Margaret Vaglia**

Career Placement Specialist, Business Development  
**Health Providers Choice**



"Mari is not only a hard-working professional recruiter, but moreover, she is a true partner with me. When I look into my patients' eyes knowing I can make a difference in their lives for the better, I know none of it would be possible without Mari there. She is more than a business partner—she has become a friend and an important ally."

**Lisa Vanek**  
Senior Recruiter  
RTG Medical



"From day one, Lisa became not just a recruiter but a friend and confidant. She gives me strength in spirit, looks out for my best interests, and makes things happen that normally would not have. She is truly the rainbow after the rain of other travel nursing experiences."

**Chris Wepfer**  
Nursing Career Consultant  
Medical Solutions  
2008 and 2009 award recipient



"No matter where I am or what is happening, I know that Chris always has my back. He's attentive, proactive, and never more than a phone call or e-mail away."

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# 2009 Recruiters of the Year Showcase

**Judy Wilson**  
Senior Recruiter  
TeamStaff Rx  
2005 and 2009 award recipient



"Judy is an awesome recruiter because she will call you back within a timely manner, listen to concerns, and resolve issues."

**Ethan Youngblood**  
Senior Recruiter  
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"This recruiter is very diligent and responsive."

**Jeff Winstel**  
Nightingale Nurses

"I'm very much comfortable working with him. He's able to address all of my concerns. The best!"

**Kristin Zandee**  
Senior Consultant  
American Traveler Staffing Professionals



"Kristin is the best ever! She anticipates my needs and has them covered before I even have time to think about them. She always has my best interests at heart and makes sure she gets the best offers to me as fast as possible. Not only is she my recruiter, she is also my friend. I treasure her friendship as well as her advice—seasoned by her years of experience in the travel industry."

**Sherri Wood**  
Recruiter

**Attentive Healthcare**  
2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009 award recipient



"Sherri is absolutely amazing. I have never worked with such an angel. She is always there for me, no matter what. She always has a smile in her voice, and is more like a mother and best friend than a recruiter. She has worked with me for more than two years, one year just trying to find me what I wanted—and she did. She has truly blessed my life, and I don't know

where I would be without her in my life and career. To say 'thank you' would just never be enough for all that she has done for me and meant in my life."

**Special thanks** to all of those travelers who voted for their favorite recruiters. And congratulations to every staffing company representative who received a nomination. Your hard work and dedication to mobile professionals, client facilities, and the travel healthcare industry are greatly appreciated. **HT**

**Cindy Yates**  
Recruiter  
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"I had the misfortune of losing my regular recruiter this year, and Cindy stepped in to take over for him. I am always skeptical of a new recruiter, but I feel like Cindy has really stepped up to the plate and gone to bat for me. She is always there when I need to talk to her, and she is always getting right back to me with answers to questions or concerns. She is someone I feel I can trust, and that is extremely important in the travel industry. I can't imagine that there is another recruiter out there who can compare—trust me, I've had quite a few of them. Cindy is the best."

**Ron York**  
Recruiter  
Trinity Healthcare Staffing Group



"Ron is not only my recruiter, but a friend. He cares about his nurses and is always available to help with any problem. I have worked with Ron for more than six years and have built a great amount of trust and respect for him. I am lucky to have him as my recruiter. I am blessed to have him as a friend."