

Capital Area Community Nursing Network
Nursing Excellence Award
2011 Honorees

Eileen Pizanis, RN, APRN-BC

Eileen Pizanis has been a nurse and family nurse practitioner in our local community for over thirty years. In addition, she holds a full time teaching position at Lansing Community College in the Nursing program and is the student advisor for the Student Nurses Association. Nurse Pizanis is a board certified Nurse Practitioner in Family Practice and holds an MSN from Michigan State University, a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Arts in Education from Florida State University. As an educator and healthcare professional, Eileen strives to obtain excellence in her work and has shown students a love for medicine along with the importance of empathy and understanding while caring for patients. Her strong work ethic and commitment to her profession has made her an outstanding mentor and role model for both colleagues and students. Throughout her years of healthcare, education and community service Eileen has impacted the lives of hundreds of students, patients and members of the community.

Suzanne Saltman, RN, FNP

Suzanne Saltman has been a practicing nursing professional for over 40 years serving the Greater Lansing community including her home town of Mason. Nurse Saltman holds a Nurse Practitioner advanced degree in both Family Practice and Pediatrics and holds an MSN and BSN from the University of Michigan. She spent 30 years in private practice and then focused her efforts on the community as a whole. She was instrumental in the establishment of the medical clinic at Cristo Rey in Lansing in the early 1990s and in 2004 Suzanne partnered with her husband, Dr. Barry Saltman, in establishing the Carefree Medical Clinic in Mason. Suzanne's passion and empathy for the underserved and underinsured population have facilitated the vision and growth of community clinics and provided the opportunity to mentor hundreds of other healthcare professionals on the importance of community service. While we can count her years of service, her legacy of servant leadership is a gift to the community which is infinite and priceless.