Nurse Recognition Award

LETTESHA HALEY-THOMAS

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Lettesha Haley-Thomas is a dedicated nurse whose 22-year career in Labor & Delivery at Trinitas Regional Medical Center has been defined by compassion, mentorship, and service to an under-served community. Her commitment to patient care is matched by her passion for teaching—having precepted more than 18 new nurses, guiding them into both the profession and the specialized world of L&D.

Ms. Haley-Thomas exemplifies the essence of holistic nursing leadership through her seamless integration of multiple roles on the Labor and Delivery unit. Whether serving as a bedside clinician, charge nurse, or preceptor, she consistently delivers safe, compassionate, and expert care to expectant mothers and their families. Her ability to transition fluidly between roles ensures continuity, stability, and excellence in patient care.

Lettesha is a steadfast advocate for her patients, often stepping forward in emotionally complex situations to provide comfort, safety, and support. Her leadership is equally evident in her mentorship of new nurses, shaping the next generation of caregivers with the core values of nursing: compassion, competence, and professionalism.

Through her years of service, Lettesha has influenced countless nurses who have gone on to become leaders, educators, and advanced practice clinicians. Her legacy extends far beyond the bedside, leaving an indelible mark on the profession and the community she serves.

Her practice has been deeply enriched by the relationships she's built—with patients, colleagues, and the nurses she's mentored. Through every delivery, every lesson, and every shared moment, she continues to embody the heart of nursing.

A message from Lettesha: Thanks to my family who supported and enabled me to achieve my dream of becoming a nurse. Thanks to my colleagues (my second family) who have contributed toward my growth in the field and nominated me for this recognition. I love you all!