



MARLENE CASCO HONOREE BIO

2023 Each Moment Matters Luncheon Honoree

From a tender age of four, Marlene Casco knew without a doubt that her calling was to become a nurse. Raised by a physician father who embodied the values of compassion and never turning a patient away, Marlene's passion for caring for others was ingrained in her from an early age. Growing up with eight adopted siblings further nurtured her empathy, unwavering commitment and indomitable drive – qualities that now define her role as the Director of Clinical Services for Faith Presbyterian Hospice (FPH). When asked why she persists in a profession where grief and loss are daily companions, Marlene's response is simple, yet profound: "I am here to support and make a difference in the lives of my teammates and patients."

Marlene has dedicated an impressive 39 years to her nursing career, with the past six years being devoted to FPH. She considers it a privilege to care for patients during their final stage of life. Understanding the weight of her responsibility, Marlene approaches each day with resolute dedication, stepping into one of life's most challenging moments with grace and compassion. Her colleagues at FPH describe her as a tireless advocate, always ready to lend her voice to those who cannot speak for themselves. She firmly believes that every patient deserves compassionate and dignified end-of-life care, and she reminds her team daily that every single patient is a VIP at Faith Presbyterian Hospice.

Marlene's commitment to her patients goes above and beyond, always seeking ways to make them feel special. One notable example is when she organized a wedding for a terminally ill patient who had long dreamt of her special day. Among her proudest accomplishments is her role in establishing COVID-19 clinics open to the DFW community, held at FPH for testing and vaccine distribution. In difficult times, Marlene firmly believes that there is always something that can be done. While her teammates admire her as the "glue" that holds FPH together and acknowledge her strong exterior, they also witness her profound capacity for boundless love.

This year, we are honored to recognize Marlene Casco for her remarkable contributions throughout her career. Her steady dedication to making others feel loved and at peace during their final moments serves as a testament to her extraordinary commitment and serves as an inspiration to us all.