



Meet Grace McGhee, 2025 McKnight's Pinnacle Awards 'Setting the Standard Award' Honoree



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From directing teams that serve New York City's most vulnerable populations to educating the next generation of nurses, Grace McGhee is a true leader in the field of home- and community-based care.

A lifelong resident of the Bronx, McGhee started her career in the transplant unit of NYU Tisch Hospital. But she knew from her first community clinical experience in nursing school that she wanted to be a home care nurse.

She landed her first job as a home health nurse with VNS Health in 1997, working with high-need populations in the Bronx. She quickly witnessed firsthand how social determinants of health affected their wellness, especially for older adults and low-income families.

In her current role as care management director, McGhee leads a team of more than 100 care coordinators who address the health needs of more than 22,000 vulnerable residents through the VNS Health Managed Long-Term Care plan. Her team helps craft individualized plans to help residents remain independent in the homes and navigate challenges of the healthcare system.

McGhee and her team are known for going the extra mile, making telephone check-ins and conducting visits at residents' homes to identify the root causes of their challenges in order to create tailored solutions.

In addition to her home health work, McGhee is an adjunct professor at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City, where she mentors the next generation of nurses and also provides one-on-one mentoring for Doctor of Nursing Practice degree students striving to complete their practicums.

As a nursing educator/professor, she has taught many different classes, including ones about bioethics, community health assessment, nursing and spirituality, and care of the aging adult.

She earned her PhD in nursing education from Capella University, a master's degree in nursing from Pace University and a bachelor's degree in marketing and economics from New York University.

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