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## Sarasota Geriatric Care Manager Named Fellow of National Association

Baltimore, MD — Charlene Proeger, Ph.D., CMC, a private geriatric care manager in Sarasota, FL, was recently named a Fellow of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers.

Selection as a Fellow of GCM acknowledges the highest degree of commitment to the Association and demonstrates the individual's highly sustained record of leadership in GCM, in their community and in their profession.

Only 16 individuals have been honored as Fellows, since GCM's inception in 1986.

A private geriatric manager in the Sarasota/Bradenton, FL area, Ms. Proeger is a member of the GCM Board of Directors and served as chair of the 2000 GCM Conference held in Palm Beach, FL. She has also served as chair of the GCM Membership Committee and of the GCM Chapter Presidents' Council. She is currently serving as chair of the GCM Chapter Development Committee.

Geriatric care managers are licensed professionals, primarily social workers and nurses, who have extensive training and experience working with older people and families who need assistance with caregiving issues. PGCMs help families cope with the growing challenges of aging, and assist families in the search for a suitable nursing home placement or extended care if the need occurs. The practice of geriatric care management and the role of care providers have captured a national spotlight, as the generations of baby boomers age in the United States.

GCM was formed in 1986 to advance dignified care for the elderly and their families in the United States, and currently boasts a membership of 1,700 care managers.