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Sarasota Geriatric Care Manager Receives National Award

Baltimore, MD — Charlene Proeger, Ph.D., CMC, a private geriatric care manager in Sarasota, FL, recently received the President's Award from the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers.

GCM President Steve Barlam presented Ms. Proeger with the prestigious award at the GCM Annual Conference held September 18-21, 2003 in Baltimore, MD. The President's Award is presented to a GCM member who has gone above and beyond with their support and activities of GCM and Ms. Proeger has done so over the years.

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 is currently serving as chair of the GCM Chapter Development Committee.

"Charlene is one of those individuals who works diligently behind the scenes and is an 'unsung hero'," said Laury Gelardi, GCM Executive Director. "She is always willing to help and is meticulous in her work," Gelardi added.

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.

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