

Employee of the Year Nominee Profile
Angel Squirrell – Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Department
Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

At Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, we strive to honor those who embody the very best of our mission: serving our community with compassion, commitment, and excellence. Angel Squirrell, a dedicated member of the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) team, is the definition of what it means to lead "from the heart." Her integrity, work ethic, and spirit of collaboration make her an indispensable part of CIHA — and an inspiring nominee for Employee of the Year.

Integrity

Angel approaches her work with humility, compassion, and pride, always grounded in doing what's right for patients and co-workers. She leads by example, treating everyone with kindness and respect, and consistently going the extra mile without ever seeking recognition. Whether she's supporting a patient through a complex referral or helping a teammate through a tough day, Angel's caring heart is unmistakable. Her authenticity and dedication have made her a role model not just within her department, but throughout CIHA.

Responsiveness

Few employees demonstrate reliability quite like Angel. When PRC has faced staffing shortages, Angel has voluntarily cut vacations short and returned to work without being asked — simply because she knew her team needed her. She treats every patient as if they were family and ensures their needs are met with urgency and care. Her dependable nature and quick thinking help keep operations running smoothly, and her compassion makes each person feel truly seen.

Success

Angel's professional experience and broad skill set bring exceptional value to the PRC team. She is a problem solver by nature. She is someone who doesn't shy away from challenges but meets them head-on with creative thinking and dedication. Whether tackling complex cases or streamlining internal processes, Angel finds effective solutions and follows through with determination. Her willingness to ask questions, learn continuously, and adapt quickly makes her an invaluable resource to both her department and the broader CIHA community.

Teamwork

As a natural motivator, she fosters a culture of positivity, accountability, and collaboration. She's always the first to volunteer for new projects and sets the tone with her can-do attitude. Colleagues look to her as a trusted leader and a steady presence. Outside of her day-to-day work, Angel is an active member of the CIHA Employee Association, frequently volunteering for hospital events — including spreading holiday cheer last year as Mrs. Claus during the stocking giveaway. After hours, she even gives back by leading fitness classes, further promoting wellness and camaraderie among staff.

Innovation

Angel constantly looks for new ways to improve workflows and solve problems within PRC. She draws from a wide range of past professional experiences and is always willing to try something new if it might help patients or the team. Her openness to change and commitment to growth are what drive meaningful progress. Whether it's rethinking a referral process or navigating a policy update, Angel's fresh ideas and resourceful mindset keep PRC moving forward.

A True Ambassador of CIHA Values

Angel Squirrell represents everything CIHA stands for. She is a healer, a helper, and a hopeful presence in the lives of everyone she encounters. Her passion for people and her dedication to excellence shine through in all she does — both within the hospital walls and beyond.

It is with great admiration and gratitude that we recognize Angel Squirrell as a nominee for Employee of the Year at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority.