

### **Nomination for AANN Chapter of the Year**

Our chapter has demonstrated excellence in leadership, education, mentorship, and community service, consistently embodying AANN's mission and values.

Over the past year, our chapter has made significant strides in advancing neuroscience nursing and supporting our members' professional development. Our chapter was honored to mentor the newly formed North East AANN Chapter, sharing guidance, best practices, and lessons learned to help them establish a strong foundation. This collaborative effort reflects our commitment to strengthening the AANN community across our state.

We also proudly participated in the Neuro Symposium with our local university, showcasing our chapter's initiatives and engaging with nurses from across the region. This event provided an excellent platform for promoting the field of neuroscience nursing and connecting with professionals passionate about improving neurological patient care.

Our membership has grown by an impressive 25% since last year, going from 20 active members to 25 active members. Our membership dues are \$20 annually and we have meetings 6 times per year (bimonthly). While we do not have a formal newsletter, we keep in contact with all the members via email giving the information of upcoming events and meetings and we have a website they can access for information. The chapter's educational dinner meetings are well attended and have enhanced nursing knowledge and patient outcomes through the education on new neurological medications, products, and technologies discussed at these meetings.

Each year our chapter proudly celebrates Neuro-Certification Month with a special recognition dinner honoring our neuro-certified nurses. We also raffle a conference registration to support professional advancement and encourage continued engagement with AANN on a national level.

Beyond professional education, our chapter is deeply committed to community outreach and service. Through the continued generosity of our members and vendor sponsors, we have contributed to several local

causes, including Clothes for Kids, hurricane relief efforts, and local food banks. These efforts demonstrate our dedication not only to our profession but also to the well-being of our community.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the collaboration, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts of our chapter's board and members. Together, we have built a thriving, inclusive, and supportive network of neuroscience nurses who share a passion for excellence in patient care and lifelong learning.

We are deeply honored to submit this nomination and believe our chapter exemplifies the spirit and mission of AANN. Thank you for considering us for this distinguished recognition.