



# Mrs. Stanlee Richards

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*Biography*

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Stanlee Richards was born and raised in New York. She presently resides in Laurelton, Queens. Stanlee received her unusual first name from her father. At a young age Stanlee knew she wanted to become a nurse and goal of becoming a Registered Nurse came to light in 1975, when she graduated as a RN from Staten Island Community College. She received her Bachelor's Degree from York College, and earned her Master's Degree in Science and Health Administration in 1992, from Central Michigan University. She also received a Certification in Long Term Post Sub Acute Care in Administration from Iona College in New Rochelle.

Mrs. Richards is the Director of Nursing at Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility. She is well respected and admired by many in the facility, and seen as a role model for other nurses. Mrs. Richards has a strong history of giving back to the community. In addition to her responsibilities as a Director of Nursing, she continues to lead and inspire others.

Stanlee's leadership and ability to organize a diverse and dedicated group of Coler-Goldwater staff of volunteers to consistently exceed annual fund raising goals for the American Cancer Society, fight against Breast Cancer.

Mrs. Richards is a member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority and is the immediate past President of Theta Chi Chapter, which is located in Laurelton, Queens. In Theta Chi Chapter she volunteers her time by participating at health fairs, where they provide health teaching on diabetes, hypertension, and many other topics. She also teaches basic cardiac life support classes to the community. She is a mentor to many in the community. She also has recommended individuals in the community for scholarships from her sorority.

Other community projects Mrs. Richards participates in is health teachings at adult day care centers. Ms. Richards is also a member of the National Association of Black Military Women, where she is the Vice President. Ms. Richards is a member of St. Mary Magdalene church located in Springfield Gardens, Queens, where she is the President of the Women's Group. The Women's Group activities consist of fund raising for the church, and different projects, eg. Black History Programs.

Stanlee is proud of being active in the Army Reserve for 24 years. She retired in 2007, but continues to support the military in any way she can. She provides care packages to deployed soldiers as needed, provide guidance to deployed soldiers families, participate in the Annual Retired Appreciation day at the Army Base.

Mrs. Richards has received many awards. The most recent one was presented on May 8, 2013, which was the Sloan Public Service Award, presented by the Fund for the City of New York. The award is regarded as the Noble Prize of City Government. Mrs. Richards has dedicated 45 years to advocating and caring for patients. She also received the Presidential Citation Award from the Nurse Association of the Counties of Long Island, Inc. on November 14, 2014

Other awards received, Outstanding Service Award from Wheel Chair Charities 2012, SMHN Leadership Award 2011, from Coler-Goldwater Administration, Marguerite Creth Jackson Sister Hood Award 2009 from Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., and many awards from the Department of the Army, the Army Commendation Medal 2002, and The Army Achievement Medal 2004.

Participate in a special project; In November 2013 was part of the Administration team that successfully relocation appropriately 228 patient from the Goldwater campus on Roosevelt Island, to Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility. Over 100 patients were on ventilation to assist with breathing. We had no negative outcome.

Mrs. Richards enjoys spending time with her husband, two children, and four grandchildren. She enjoys listening to jazz, and visiting friends and family. Mrs. Richards is a person who is always on the go, but is always will to stop what she is doing to lend a hand to a friend in need. Mrs. Richards believes education is the key to everything, and education can allow you to move mountains. If you are lucky enough to meet Mrs. Richards, you won't forget her because she will always leave you with something positive, "like with God you can do anything".