

## WANDA ELLITHORPE-FLETCHER BSN, COHN-S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Wanda Ellithorpe-Fletcher has been an innovator and leader in the field of occupational health for three decades. She was an entrepreneur, mentor and role model who proved that nurses have leadership skills and business acumen to fill C-suite positions beyond chief nursing officers in the healthcare industry. This award was established by SafeWorks Illinois and NorthBay Medical Center to honor Wanda's passion and drive to grow the occupational health industry as an occupational health nurse manager. After her death in 2019, her family created this award to recognize an occupational health nurse who provides exemplary leadership with emphasis on administration of the occupational health program and its associated roles as Clinician, Manager, Educator, Consultant, and Case Manager. Over the course of Wanda's career, she started Midwest Occupational Health Associates with Dr. David Fletcher. She later created a mobile medical unit to provide onsite services across the Midwest serving Illinois, Iowa and Indiana to help companies decrease the costs and the time associated with absences for health screenings. In 2005, she served as Occupational Health Nurse Manager for Campbell's Soup in California, where she made an impact on reducing injuries and save the plant over \$1.2 million dollars in workers' compensation costs. During the last six years of her career, as the Practice Manager at NorthBay Medical Center in Northern California, Wanda led her team to triple digit growth in patient volumes through surgical procedures and other ancillary services. Her collaborative leadership style has paved the way for those who have come after her to provide excellent leadership and innovative care.



*Wanda Ellithorpe-Fletcher  
BSN, COHN-S*

Leadership criteria for this award required the recipient to demonstrate excellence and enthusiasm in patient care, communication, commitment to occupational health nursing and education, the ability to inspire other nurses within the community and strong leadership and business development skills. The recipient for this year's Wanda Ellithorpe-Fletcher, BSN, COHN-S Occupational Health Nurse Leadership Award was awarded to Chaley Shipley, Executive Clinic Director and RN with SafeWorks Illinois. Chaley has consulted with area employers regarding their occupational health needs when meeting OSHA compliance standards and has proven leadership skills with her implementation of job site health and safety programs. Her years of experience in the field have qualified her to become a Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN). Chaley is one of 5 COHNs in downstate Illinois. Congratulations Chaley!



*Chaley Shipley  
RN, COHN-S*

Stay tuned regarding information for the 2022 Annual NAOHP Conference and opportunities to nominate your colleagues for the NAOHP Founders Award and the Wanda Ellithorpe-Fletcher BSN, COHN-S Occupational health Nurse Leadership Award. Deadlines for nominations will be prior to the conference date.