



## 2023 AWARD WINNERS

These inspiring and distinguished End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) trainers were named Excellence in ELNEC award winners for 2023:

**Care Dimensions | Mary Crowe**, LICSW, ACHP-SW, C.D.S., CDP, CGP - Director of Professional and Community Education for Care Dimensions. Over the past 17 years Mary has led Care Dimensions professional and



community educational outreach, coordinating and delivering hundreds of programs each year for healthcare professionals, families, and community groups. **Catherine Duffy**, ANP-BC, ACHPN - APRN Team Manager at Care Dimensions. Catherine has been a hospice and palliative care Nurse Practitioner for over 15 years, caring for individuals and families in community and inpatient settings. **Susan Lysaght Hurley**, PhD, GNP-BC - nurse scientist and palliative care nurse practitioner. Susan currently serves as a Senior Scholar at Care Dimensions providing support and mentorship for research, innovation, and grant activities at the agency. Over the past decade the Care Dimensions team has facilitated 31 ELNEC training courses educating over 1,100 healthcare professionals from a variety of settings. We are proud to teach the ELNEC curriculum in addition to our other educational offerings. Our goal is to provide opportunities that strengthen comprehensive learning around serious illness and end of life care that leads to the highest quality care for patients and families. [MCrowe@caredimensions.org](mailto:MCrowe@caredimensions.org)

**Hartford HealthCare** is a comprehensive health network in Connecticut. Our team has trained 367 participants, this past year, at our ELNEC Core classes. Participants include nurses, advance practice providers, physicians and social workers. These participants have represented a variety of specialties including critical care, oncology, cardiology, psychiatry, case coordination, outpatient specialty services and home care. This training has informed the work of our system- wide Palliative Care Council that is holding our first palliative care symposium. This year's goals are to add educational activities focused on supporting our staff with patient and family centered communication across the care continuum. [Mary.Eanniello@hhchealth.org](mailto:Mary.Eanniello@hhchealth.org)

ELNEC Core Training Team:



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**Katie Lepak, LCSW, APHSW-C**  
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**Hartford Healthcare at Home | Stephanie LaPointe, BSN, RN, CHPN Nursing Preceptor and Amy Craaybeek, MSN, RN, CHPN Clinical Education Specialist** serve as members of the palliative and hospice clinical education team at Hartford Healthcare at Home in Connecticut. HHCAH integrated the Pediatric ELNEC training course to hospice clinicians to help care for this new population of patients. In 2023, Stephanie (pictured on the left) and Amy held two courses and trained 39 students in 2023 to include MDs, nurses, LCSWs, and pastoral counselors. This training has provided these clinicians

with confidence, reassurance and valued resources and support to care for pediatric patients at end of life. Since implementing this teaching, our agency has been able to spread the care of pediatric patients into 2 regions of the state with the hopes to expand as the needs arise. The plans for the future include continuing to offer two ELNEC Pediatric sessions per year, with a goal of implementing ELNEC Core courses as well. [stephanie.lapointe@hhchealth.org](mailto:stephanie.lapointe@hhchealth.org)

**ELNEC in Bangladesh |** The MGH-Simmons Bangladesh ELNEC Nursing Group, recognizing the power of ELNEC training, has offered five ELNEC Train-the-Trainer Programs for 450 nurses in Bangladesh. The Group built upon the work at Simmons University and collaborated closely with MGH and Bangladeshi colleagues to offer ELNEC trainings as a contribution to palliative care initiatives underway in Bangladesh. Since 2004, Simmons faculty have utilized the ELNEC curricula to offer end-of-life education to students, and to offer Train-the-Trainer programs, and the sharing of ELNEC resources to faculty and practicing nurses across Massachusetts. Hundreds of students, faculty and practicing nurses in Massachusetts and Bangladesh have benefitted from ELNEC education. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, citing the important knowledge gained to enhance care for seriously ill and dying patients and their families. [annemarie.barron@simmons.edu](mailto:annemarie.barron@simmons.edu).  
 ELNEC Group Members in Bangladesh:



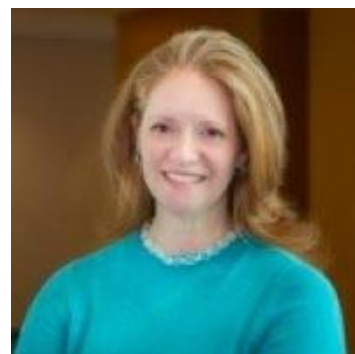
**Anne-Marie Barron, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, Professor Emerita, Associate Dean for Health Sciences at Simmons University**  
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**ELNEC in Mexico** | ELNEC first arrived in Mexico 16 years ago but had unfortunately become dormant for several years. Furthermore, the pandemic brought ELNEC workshops to a complete halt in Mexico City which was then the only city with any ELNEC trainers in Mexico. In 2021, with an urgent need to train staff in the Cancer Center of Queretaro, and the growing demand for palliative care, Barbarita Lee, RN, connected with ELNEC USA to become an ELNEC trainer. In 2021, with a scholarship from the ELNEC International Fund, 5 doctors participated in an online trainer session. After this, ELNEC in Mexico was re-

born. Shortly after, Barbarita met a geriatrician, Pamela Salcido, PhD, Professor at the Anahuac Medical School, who also has a passion for teaching palliative medicine. They became fast friends and together they worked hard to establish "ELNEC Mexico" as part of a non-profit organization. Together they translated and updated the outdated curriculum to a new 2023 version and created a second version of it to adapt to the specific cultural needs of Mexico. In 2023, they held two ELNEC Core workshops and one Train-the-Trainer workshop. As of December 2023, they have a team of 12 interdisciplinary trainers including specialists in psycho-oncology, physical therapy, social work, pain medicine, herbal medicine, grief counseling, palliative nursing, and nutrition. In 2023 they trained a total of 63 healthcare workers, gained non-profit status, and established an official office in Moscatti Hospital. They have a goal in 2024 to double the number of workshops and the number of people receiving the training. Dr. Salcido and Barbarita have also acquired trainer status in ELNEC Advanced Practice Nursing, Geriatrics, and Communication and hope to have those courses translated and offered in Mexico in the future. The ELNEC Mexico team currently has invitations to several major cities in Mexico and they are eager to see ELNEC reach healthcare workers and medical students in all of the 31 states of Mexico. You can learn more about the re-birth of ELNEC in Mexico and follow their work at [www.elnecmexico.com](http://www.elnecmexico.com) or contact Barbarita Lee at [barbarita@elnecmexico.com](mailto:barbarita@elnecmexico.com).

**ELNEC in Sri Lanka** | **Lt. Alice Stella Virginia** (Retd), RNRN, BCCPN, NFPN (ret'd) (pictured on the left) & **Lt. Col. Lovely Antony** (Retd), MSc, M.Phil. in nursing, have been the dynamic duo in Sri Lanka, delivering online and in person training about palliative care for doctors, nurses, nursing students, campus students, volunteers, and patients' caregivers. They have trained over 300 healthcare providers and plan to continue to spread their knowledge throughout Sri Lanka. ELNEC also continues to support Sri Lanka through the ELNEC International Fund, as there is such a need for this work. [stellatimung@yahoo.in](mailto:stellatimung@yahoo.in)



*Congratulations and thank you all for your support and dissemination of ELNEC!*