



## **Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award**

**Rosella Jefferson, Vancouver, BC**

*Nominated by: Lisa Krueckl and Karen LeComte*



*Rosella Jefferson and Kate Mahon, President, CACCN*

“We wish to nominate Rosella Jefferson for the Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award for her significant leadership contributions to critical care nursing. We have each known Rosella for over twenty years and have witnessed the leadership excellence she brings to nursing education, research and clinical practice. As the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Pediatric Critical Care Program at BC Children’s Hospital, Rosella has dedicated her career to ensure excellent care delivery to the most critically ill children and their families”

~~ Lisa Krueckl and Karen LeComte

“My journey in critical care began in 1989 with an introduction to the nurse educator. Rosella was fairly new to the role but exuded a warm confidence that made me feel quickly comfortable...As I gained confidence in my role as a critical care nurse and family centered advocate, I aspired to be more like Rosella...Rosella played a key role in assisting the team to determine our unit standards of care and the vision, mission and values that PICU wanted to portray to the hospital and the province. Over the years, Rosella has encouraged me to become involved with CACCN, to present at conferences, create workshops and deliver them. To this day, I am inspired on a regular basis by her commitment to this organization and the children and families lives that she has touched. It is an honour for me to call Rosella my mentor and friend.

~~ Deb Scott, Professional Practice Leader, Nursing

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“Rosella has been an active member of CACCN since 1987. Since becoming a member of CACCN, she has presented at multiple ‘Dynamics Conferences’ on topics such as healthy work environments, organ donation, end of life care and supporting family centered care. Rosella is a driving force in our local chapter having assumed numerous roles on the British Columbia Chapter Executive, as well as positions on the national board – including a term as president.”

~~ Lisa Krueckl and Karen Lecomte

“I had the pleasure of being in Rosella’s inaugural group of orientees in her role as educator. Rosella was an instant draw for me with her authentic way of being and the importance she placed on relationship building between new hires and staff and families and children. Rosella has maintained that value of true, authentic relationships throughout the almost 20 years I have known her...She has challenged me as a professional and human being to be a better person; to strive to be the leader I want to see in others...She is in every sense a “dynamo” and my inspiration. Every workplace engagement survey asks the question “Do you have a best friend at work?” I used to find that question odd but upon reflecting on my relationship with Rosella, I can say “Yes, I do have a best friend at work and she is my cheerleader, role model, & colleague”...I believe Rosella would be an excellent recipient of Brenda’s namesake award and would carry on the legacy of exceptional nurse leaders in critical care.”

~~ Tracie Northway, Project Manager,  
Strategic Implementation



“Rosella is an exceptional nurse leader – she is a teacher, mentor, visionary and role models excellence in pediatric critical care practice...we feel fortunate to have worked with and learned from such a positive and influential leader throughout our careers.

~~ Lisa Krueckl and Karen Lecomte