

Shield HealthCare Announces 12th Annual Caregiver Story Contest

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VALENCIA, Calif., Sept. 4, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Shield HealthCare, a leading provider of medical supplies for care at home, announces its 12th annual story contest on "What Makes Caregiving Rewarding?" The story contest is designed to recognize and provide an inspirational forum for the voice of caregivers and home healthcare professionals. Sandra Mitchell, KCAL 9/CBS 2 News Anchor is this year's celebrity contest judge. Shield HealthCare appreciates that caregiving is a very demanding job, since a significant number of its customers are family caregivers at home, tending to loved ones with chronic medical conditions. They unselfishly devote themselves to the responsibility of meeting the daily health and emotional needs of the person in their care, whether a special needs child or an elderly patient. Shield HealthCare's annual caregiver story contest is a positive way to recognize and reward this important role, often underestimated in today's busy society. The contest runs through November 30, 2012, in celebration of National Family Caregiver's Month.

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Last year's grand prize winners included two fathers of special needs children and a daughter caring for her elderly mother with dementia.

Winner, Matt G., father of two boys with Fragile X Syndrome wrote:

"I have forever been changed by two souls that struggled to roll over and sit up or use a spoon, but always had a smile on their faces. I watched them take steps, at two and a half, but they did it. I was so proud to be part of that moment; it was like a privilege to see those boys who struggled in physical therapy for years apply what they learned to walk. They are both on their way to living a happy life and taught their father a lesson in humility, graciousness and perspective."

The top three story winners will receive \$1,
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