

Announcing the 2022 International Ceca Award

Ceca Foundation Honors Nurse for Extraordinary Work with Ukrainian Refugees

WASHINGTON, DC May 17, 2022 – Ceca Foundation, in partnership with Nurses With Global Impact, is pleased to announce Dominic Figueroa as recipient of the 2022 International Ceca Award in recognition of compassionate care and excellence in nursing.

Dominic Figueroa is being honored for his selfless love and empathy in rushing to Poland to help Ukrainian refugees coming across the border. He was serving as an orthopedic nurse at a hospital in California when the conflict began. He soon made the decision to take an emergency sabbatical, then traveled at his own expense to where he felt he was most needed. Figueroa grew up in a family that instilled a spirit of service to others, and he has carried that value throughout his life. He previously worked in youth ministry before completing his MSN at the University of San Francisco which launched him into his current career.

“Mr. Figueroa embodies the true ideal of a nurse dedicated to serving others. He is sincere in his actions, devoted to those he cares for, and is a genuine role model for future generations of nurses,” said Deborah O’Hara-Rusckowski, Founder of Nurses With Global Impact.

“We are humbled to be in the company of so many deserving nurses making a huge impact on a global scale,” commented Ceca Co-Founder Matthew Lawlor, who presented the award to Figueroa along with Nathan Hamme, President of Ceca Foundation. “Ceca is honored to partner with Nurses With Global Impact to extend our mission beyond our operating footprint in America to recognize outstanding caregiving worldwide, and there is no better example than Mr. Figueroa.”

Figueroa received a commemorative plaque and a cash award of \$1,000 that was presented at a special ceremony on May 13 during the sixth annual International Nurses Day Celebration at Port Liberte, NJ nearby the Statue of Liberty. The international event recognizes nurses from around the world from different cultures and venues that are working toward securing global health and strengthening healthcare systems across all communities near and far.

Figueroa was selected by the Nurses With Global Impact Planning Committee and confirmed by the Nursing Judges Review Panel and Ceca Foundation. The International Ceca Award recipient was chosen for this highest honor from the 13 exceptional nurses that were selected to receive the “2022 Inspiring Global Nurse Award” at the same event.

About Ceca Foundation

[Ceca Foundation](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Washington, DC, which partners with hospitals and healthcare communities in the U.S. to recognize their exceptional caregivers. Ceca improves caregiver and patient experience by providing healthcare providers with a highly affordable, turnkey recognition solution consisting of its innovative software platform, managed services, and cash awards. Since 2013, Ceca has recognized 35,000 exceptional acts of care and 1,000 caregivers who received a Ceca Award.

About Nurses With Global Impact, Inc.

The mission of [Nurses With Global Impact](#) is to connect, support and celebrate the work of nurses everywhere, bringing visibility to nurses doing extraordinary work and their projects that make a global impact on healthcare. Nurses With Global Impact shares the experiences and stories of these exceptional nurses on the web and social media, and sponsors *International Nurses Day* annually to commemorate the birth of nursing's founder, Florence Nightingale.

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