

Nurse Honored with 2023 International Ceca Award

Recognized for His Extraordinary Impact in Kenya and Ecuador

WASHINGTON, DC May 12, 2023 – Ceca Foundation, in partnership with Nurses With Global Impact, is pleased to announce **Ryan Turner** as recipient of the 2023 International Ceca Award in recognition of compassionate care and excellence in nursing.

Turner was honored for his exemplary service in both Kenya and Ecuador and, in particular, for the way he engaged both on-the-job and off-the-job with local communities understanding their diverse cultures, addressing local community needs, and ensuring positive healthcare outcomes. A maternal and child nursing specialist, Turner has provided nurse education and delivered countless babies, while treating hundreds of people in both Ecuador and Kenya. He also educated local healthcare staff on Emergency Response in Kenya to ensuring quality care when its needed most. When not providing nursing care, he fully engaged in the local communities of both countries, actively volunteering for community projects.

“This is an absolutely amazing nurse,” stated Patricia Sayers, President of Nurses With Global Impact. “In an enthusiastic show of appreciation, the people of Mutomo, Kenya hosted a community-wide celebration for Turner -- reportedly the largest on record for any nurse volunteering with the Catholic Medical Mission Board in its 110-year history.” Sayers continued, “Ryan is a prime example of the impact the younger generation of nurses is already making around the world.”

“We are humbled to recognize Nurse Turner for his outstanding work on an international scale. He truly embodies the caregiving spirit through his inclusive approach,” said Ceca Co-Founder Matthew Lawlor.

Nate Hamme, President of Ceca Foundation, added, “Ceca is honored to once again partner with Nurses With Global Impact to recognize outstanding caregiving worldwide and extend our mission beyond our operating footprint in America.”

Turner received a commemorative plaque and a cash Ceca Award of \$1,000 in a ceremony held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, marking the Seventh Annual Celebration of International Nurses Day. The Nurses With Global Impact event recognizes nurses around the world from different cultures who work toward securing global health and strengthening healthcare systems across the globe.

Turner was selected by the Nurses With Global Impact’s Planning Committee and Judges Review Panel, and confirmed by Ceca Foundation. The International Ceca Award recipient was chosen for this highest honor from the 13 exceptional nurses that were selected to receive the “2023 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 engagement and the 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 over 42,000 exceptional acts of care and more than 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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