THE ALLIE RUDOLPH AWARD
For Exemplary Healing Practices

The Allie Rudolph Award for Exemplary Healing Practices honors a retired Social Worker from the Dept. of Family Medicine who saw patients and taught residents and students at the University of Virginia Health Sciences System from 1980 -2006. Allie epitomized a warm, caring, and personal healing focus in the midst of a large and busy institution. Her work was always collaborative, respectful of patients and other clinicians, and intensely personal and focused. She invested time, energy and a powerful attention to the person in all of her encounters, and modeled healing behaviors. The ideal of healing that she modeled was to be fully present to others – helping them to improve in body, mind, and spirit. We cannot always cure, but we can always heal.

The spirit of the Allie Rudolph Award is based in the reality that many of the members of UVA Health exhibit healing behaviors every day, often without recognition or appreciation. Honoring those contributions and practices is important in a community of people whose life work is healing the sick and caring for those in distress.

Answers to the important questions about the award are below:

What needs to be included in the nomination packet?:

- **1 Nomination Letter**
- **1 Additional Supporting Letter**

Letters should cite the reasons for nominating this person and provide examples of the person's acts of caring and healing and why they were impactful. Examples should reflect Allie's characteristics of collaboration, respect, person focus, and giving of one's time and energy. Please be sure to note the name of the nominee at the top of the letter. **Packets must contain both letters to be considered.**

To whom do I send the letters?: Send letters via e-mail to: Jaki Pritchett at **JAS8GD@uvahealth.org.**

When are the letters due?: Letters **must** be received by **October 31st, 5 pm.**

How often is the award given? : The Allie Rudolph Award will be presented annually to one employee of University of Virginia Medical Center/School of Medicine who embodies these characteristics and is endorsed by colleagues as an exemplar of healing.

Who Can Apply?: The Award is open to **all** faculty, trainees, staff and employees from **all** departments and areas, who are involved in patient care.

What is the actual award?: The Award is represented by a certificate and a $2500 cash award.

How will the award be given?: The award will be presented in a public ceremony within UVA Hospital.

Please take the time to nominate a friend or colleague for this award, and highlight the hard work of those who work among us and lead us by their exemplary practices.