

# nurse excellence

North Oaks Health System is proud to announce **Susan** BSN, RN, RNC, as the Nurse Excellence Award recipient for April-May 2006.

Graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University, Susan holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in health promotion. She is currently pursuing a master's degree as a women's health nurse practitioner and has a current certification in neonatal intensive care nursing. She began her career at North Oaks in 1988 in the Nursery. Susan was instrumental in opening the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in 1991. In 1993, Susan was promoted to Unit Coordinator of the Nursery. Currently, she serves as the Charge Nurse for the Well Baby Nursery.

Kellie Brame, RNC, MS, Maternal/Child Services Director, imparts, "In addition to her dedication as a long-time employee of North Oaks, Susan is an outstanding clinician and leader. Over the years, she has mentored many new staff members, several of whom have gone on to work as advanced practice nurses. Thousands of newborns have started their lives under her watchful eye. Today, she helps to manage the day-to-day operations of the Nursery, always focused on what's best for her patients. Susan's professionalism and kind demeanor reflect the attributes of North Oaks' nursing excellence."

Susan, a native of Bedico, currently resides in Hammond with her husband Greg, who is a marriage and family counselor. Susan has one son, Lance Traylor, who is currently attending St. George's University and studying Medicine. Susan and her family are members of First Baptist Church in Covington.

An avid reader, Susan enjoys reading historical novels and baking desserts.



**"I find it rewarding when I have a new mother tell me how much I have helped her and made her feel comfortable and competent with caring for her new baby."**

*- Susan, BSN, RN, RNC*



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