



On behalf of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT), Regina Pizzuti, Manager of the Ontario Ventilator Equipment Pool (VEP) at KHSC has been selected by her peers as the recipient of the 2020 Vitalaire Respiratory Home Care Award. This award was created to recognize a respiratory therapist who has made significant contributions in the field of respiratory home care services or who has influenced others toward higher levels of achievement in the field of respiratory home care services.

“In making the selection, the Board of Directors unanimously recognized Regina’s contributions in the development and sharing of expertise in home care services provided by respiratory therapists,” said Dr. Andrew West, CEO of CSRT. “Regina has made particularly significant contributions to the field of home care ventilator services. It is clear that Regina is well respected by colleagues across Canada who consider her an inspiring ambassador for the respiratory therapy profession. In presenting this award, the CSRT and its members are acknowledging that she has made a substantial impact in the field of respiratory home care services at the local and national levels.”

The award was to be presented during the President’s banquet during the 56th Annual CSRT Conference in Montreal in May but the banquet was cancelled due to COVID-19.

“I am honoured and humbled to receive this award and feel strongly that it belongs to the entire VEP team who work tirelessly on behalf of the program to support home ventilated patients in Ontario,” said Regina. “It is my good fortune to be working with them. I am also grateful to the many colleagues across the province and the country that are generous with their time and expertise. I am inspired by their passion and work ethic. Thank you to the CSRT for this award and for supporting respiratory therapists across Canada.”