Christie Artuso honored as Volunteer of the Year by American Heart Association Western States Affiliate

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Christie E. Artuso, EdD, RN, CNRN, SCRN, FAHA is the 2013-2014 Volunteer of the Year for the American Heart Association’s Western States Affiliate.

Artuso was recognized for her distinguished commitment to the organization’s mission at an award ceremony on June 9, 2014 in Los Angeles, Calif. It is one of the top honors given to volunteers in the affiliate, which covers Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

“Christie Artuso epitomizes the true meaning of a stroke champion as she is personally and professionally invested in improving medical care for stroke patients and raising stroke awareness in Alaska,” said Janet Bartels, executive director in Alaska for the American Heart Association (AHA.)

Artuso is the director of the Neuroscience Division at Providence Alaska Medical Center and is a champion for Get With the Guidelines – Stroke, a quality improvement program by the AHA. Providence Alaska Medical Center is one of two primary stroke centers in the state. Artuso advocates for the administration of research-based stroke therapies and continuing to educate health professionals in stroke care. This year she served as the chair of the planning committee for the AHA’s stroke workshop in Alaska and co-presented on telestroke at the event.

Artuso volunteers for the AHA in many other significant ways: as a spokesperson for the organization in Alaska, including serving as a speaker at various events; as a committee member and donor for Go Red For Women, the movement to educate women about heart disease, and as 2015 chair for the campaign; as a volunteer for CPR education, including teaching CPR to students and at events; and as a Western States Affiliate committee member for its stroke task force.

About the American Heart Association
The American Heart Association is devoted to saving people from heart disease and stroke – America’s No. 1 and No. 4 killers. We team with millions of volunteers to fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat these diseases. The Dallas-based association is the nation’s oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. To learn more or join us, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or any of our offices around the country, or visit heart.org.