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### **Kathy Renae Smith ACHIEVES CERTIFIED DIABETES EDUCATOR STATUS**

(Marshall, TX. – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019) The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) announced that **Kathy Renae Smith, Certified Diabetic Educator, Genesis PrimeCare Marshall TX.** achieved Certified Diabetes Educator® (CDE®) status by successfully completing the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators. Candidates must meet rigorous eligibility requirements to be able to take the Examination. Achieving certification status demonstrates to people with diabetes and employers that the health care professional possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes. Currently, there are over 19,500 diabetes educators who hold NCBDE certification.

Kathy graduated from Kilgore School of Nursing in 1979 receiving her BSN from the University of Texas at Arlington, and her MSN in 2006 from the University of Texas at Tyler. She has worked at numerous hospitals as a staff RN, Director of Nurses, and Nursing Educator over the last 39 years. Kathy retired from the hospital October 2018 and started at Genesis PrimeCare October 2018. *“This is my dream job, said Renae Smith”. “I’ve always wanted to help patients understand their diagnosis and treatment”.*

*“We are extremely fortunate to have Kathy Renae Smith join our Genesis PrimeCare Family Medical Clinics as our Certified Diabetes Educator,” states Genesis PrimeCare CEO Carla Roadcap. “Kathy will be developing and scheduling group classes at our Clinics in Marshall, TX, Jefferson, TX, Atlanta TX, Texarkana, TX, and Texarkana, AR. “The purpose of these classes is to improve the health of adult diabetics who have had diabetes for years, as well as those who are newly diagnosed with diabetes”.*

NCBDE is a national not-for-profit certification organization that is responsible for overseeing the certification program for diabetes educators and awarding the CDE® credential to qualified individuals. The CDE® program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). NCBDE was established in 1986 to develop and administer a certification program for health professionals who teach individuals with diabetes how to self-manage their disease. NCBDE’s mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes education and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. NCBDE supports the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all diabetes educators who meet credential and experience eligibility requirements. For more information on NCBDE, visit the web site at [www.ncbde.org](http://www.ncbde.org) or contact the national office at [info@ncbde.org](mailto:info@ncbde.org) or 847-228-9795.

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