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## Beth Israel Nurse Manager Recognized By Local Weekly Newspaper For A Lifetime Dedicated To Nursing

New York, NY (March 14, 2007) *Our Town*, a Manhattan weekly newspaper, named nurse manager Ina Jabara, MS, RN, first-place winner in the Health category of its annual OTTY Awards. The OTTY (Our Town Thanks You) awards recognize the special contributions of individuals in their East Side community. Ms. Jabara was honored at a special reception on February 28 at the Museum of the City of New York.

For more than four decades, Ina Jabara has dedicated her life to caring for others, yet her nursing “roots” go even further back to her mother who stopped working as a professional nurse when she gave birth, but always retained “the nursing quality.” As a teenager in the late 50s and early 60s, Ms. Jabara volunteered at Long Island Jewish and North Shore University hospitals as a “candy stripper,” where she learned to make up bed and take a patient’s temperature and pulse. In high school, she was elected president of the Future Nurses of America Club and upon graduation in 1963, she moved to Manhattan and began her formal training at the Philips Beth Israel School of Nursing and she has spent every year since then within the Beth Israel family. In 1966 she started as a staff nurse in the medical surgical division and quickly moved up the ladder of responsibility. Five years later, she became head nurse of the medical intensive care unit (ICU). Today, as the Nurse Manager of the medical and surgical ICUs, she oversees a staff of 76 in the medical and surgical ICUs. “Over the years, Ina has provided caring, compassionate care to thousands of New Yorkers,” says Mary Walsh, MSN, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Beth Israel. “Her experience and service is a model for aspiring students and younger health professionals. Beth Israel has been truly blessed that her “lifetime of nursing” has been spent with us.” Ms. Jabara, who lives in the neighborhood, plans to retire in a few years.

Founded more than three decades ago, *Our Town* serves the East Side of Manhattan from Turtle Bay to Carnegie Hill—some of the most affluent neighborhoods in the country. It is the largest and most widely read publication of its type in the area. Complimentary copies are distributed in more than 1,000 residential buildings and through community street boxes located throughout the served communities.

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