

Laura Rose wins at the Scottish Care Awards 2019

Laura Rose from Carrick Home Services was recognised as one of the leading home care employees in Scotland at a prestigious evening awards ceremony celebrating the best of the independent care at home and housing support sector.

The Community Care Assistant won the *Carer of the Year* category at the Scottish Care Awards 2019. This award celebrates the significant role of carers in consistently providing a high-quality standard for people living at home, enabling independence and delivering person-centred care and support.

Laura collected her award, which was sponsored by MyLife Homecare, at an Awards Ceremony on 17 May 2019 at the Marriott Hotel in Glasgow. The Awards were hosted by Michelle McManus, with around 400 people attending.

Laura who works in Edinburgh was delighted to have been recognised and said: "I am very surprised but thrilled and honoured to be chosen as a winner in these prestigious awards."

Andrea Ramsay, Carrick Home Services Director, who made the nomination, said: "Laura has worked as a community carer for over 12 years. She gives her all, every day, to every client she meets. She ensures everyone is treated with dignity, respect, care and compassion. Her passion for caring is a way of life, not just a job.

“We have a client with Motor Neurone Disease whose speech has deteriorated to the extent that they can no longer communicate. Laura, who taught herself sign language, has now passed this skill on to the client, who is less socially isolated as a result. She is the only one who can understand the client, including MND nurses and other specialists. She is a motivated woman with passion, enthusiasm and dedication for every client.”

And we happen to know that Laura Rose shared the evening with her client who went to the ceremony and was ‘dolled up to the nines’ for the event! Her client told The Edinburgh Reporter : “I put on a brave front with my family, but my carers see me both at my best and worst. There are days when I am in pain and very weak, and just want to give up. Laura wipes away my tears, makes me laugh, and gives me the strength and courage to carry on.

“I am privileged to have her, and indeed all my carers, looking after me. They are the salt of the earth.”

The awards have been hailed a success in recognising individuals, teams and companies, who are delivering care at an incredibly high standard in an era of challenging budgets and within an increasingly demanding work environment.

