

## 2022 Eluna Resiliency Award: Susan Barber, RN

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**Pediatric Nurse | Mentor | Camp Mariposa Sarasota**



Susan was born in a small farming community in upstate New York. From a young age she knew she wanted to pursue work with children. That career choice was cemented when her younger brother was born with spina bifida.

After moving to Sarasota, Florida, Susan realized her dream after completing nursing school where she was president of her graduating class. She became a floor nurse on the pediatric unit at Sarasota Memorial Hospital before moving into the head nurse manager position at Meyer Pediatrics.

“Nurse Sue” became involved with the Child Protection Center, assisting in garnering forensic information, photographs, etc. When a full-time position became available in the Center, Susan made the move and held that position for over two decades. It seemed a natural move to take on some part-time work through Eluna’s Camp Mariposa. Program Director Jeanette Altman reached out to Nurse Sue, offering a position as Camp Nurse, and it was love at first camp.

While her pediatric career path has held all kinds of rewards and insight, nothing has touched Nurse Sue more than being able to witness the growth and healing through the campers at Camp Mariposa. According to Sue **“It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve these children, to see their hope come alive, to hear new goals being dreamed of and to witness their bravery and resilience unfold, all around a campfire.”**