

Think Anew President Named 2019 Mississippi Health Care Hero



Don Glidewell, President of Think Anew, a nationally recognized technology solutions provider for the Long-Term Care Industry, was honored as one of Mississippi's 2019 Healthcare Heroes during an awards ceremony at the Old Capitol Inn in downtown Jackson, Mississippi on Thursday, September 26th.

This awards program, which began in 2011, is to honor those that are making a significant impact on the quality of life and health care in Mississippi and around our nation. Their acts of heroism represent a display of dedication to the excellence in the area of expertise beyond the scope of their daily jobs. Through their commitment to their profession and their community, they serve as an inspiration to others to improve the quality of healthcare and discover new ways to assist those in need. Ultimately, this is a project dedicated to the people working with passion, purpose and determination to improve people's lives.

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A native Mississippian, Don began his career with one of our nation's top Fortune 100 companies, where, as a young man, he learned a great deal from his peers and was recognized as a customer focused team leader. A decade later, Don moved to the Jackson area to work for one of Mississippi's leading long-term care companies. He also assisted pharmaceutical companies, software companies and healthcare facilities by working as strategic partners on the evolution of electronic care nationally. His time working with these companies allowed him to grow; learning that creativity, a focus on keeping your commitments and customer service should be the cornerstone of any business wishing to compete in a national marketplace within this sector of Health and Life Sciences.

"Having the opportunity to serve our caregivers who play such important roles in our daily lives and working with so many great individuals has been very rewarding for me personally. I am truly blessed to have received this award. I would like to dedicate this recognition to my teammates and caregivers throughout our nation." said Glidewell.

During the past 12 years, Don has built an amazing team that has driven Think Anew into a thriving, nationally-awarded technology company. Think Anew has developed a range of new products and services which most importantly to Don, empower caregivers with tools to improve care. Recently, Think Anew expanded to Tampa, Florida where Don received the prestigious Florida Business Ambassador Award from then Governor Rick Scott.

"You know, I've been around these sweet people all my life. My mom was a caregiver and I remember her coming home from work, many times after a double, only to collapse in the chair and soak her feet. She almost always had the time however, to teach me about her passion, pride and love for her teammates, her workplace, and the elderly they cared for. That's why I believe the true heroes of healthcare are people like my teammates, who I see give their best every day for our clients. I am so proud of them, you have no idea. And, if you want to single out anyone who represents the backbone of our great country, then look no further than the halls of your community nursing home. They turn negatives into positives every day. I wish my mom Lola was still with us. I know she would agree".

It is relationships forged with clients, teammates, and partners that afford individual achievement. Over time I've learned that it's very difficult to fail, no matter how hard you try, when you surround yourself with good people. In fact, without all the people in my life and work, I would only be an individual. Dreaming big, being a part of something bigger than yourself, and serving others are the roots of success and part of the American way." said Glidewell.

Don has served on the Board for the Better Business Bureau, The Mississippi Council for Economic Education and has previously been honored as one of Mississippi's Top CEO's (2016) and Top Entrepreneurs (2018). Think Anew is a multiple recipient of Mississippi's Best Places to Work Award, has been selected to be in Microsoft's Top 5% Global Partner Network, recognized by Inc. Magazine as being one of the Fastest Growing Private Companies in America and recently nominated for the 2019 Microsoft Healthcare Innovation Award.