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## **State Agent of the Year**

The Georgia Association of Health Underwriters (GAHU) is pleased to announce the winner of the state agent of the year award. The award was presented at the organization's recent 2014 Annual Convention in Savannah, Georgia. The award named the Kathy Cruce Memorial Health Underwriter of the Year Award went to Teresa DeBruin, from Peachtree Corners, Georgia (image: Teresa DeBruin and winner of award last year's award, Trey Tompkins).

The Kathy Cruce Memorial Health Underwriters Award is the highest award bestowed by the Georgia Association of Health Underwriters (GAHU). In selecting a recipient, consideration is given to the individual's professional stature with the industry, his/her support of Association programs, his/her career achievement and his/her civic, cultural and humanitarian involvements. This Award has had 17 recipients since its inception in 1995. It is awarded in the memory of Kathy Cruce, an active and valuable contributor to the health insurance industry and the Atlanta Association of Health Underwriters. Upon Ms. Cruce's death from cancer in the early 1990's her employer, Brown Wright & Co. (now known as The Benefits Company) honored her memory with a perpetual endowment for this Award.

Teresa DeBruin is the President of DeBruin Benefit Services, Inc. located in Norcross, GA and is affiliated with A. A. LaRocco & Associates. In 2000 Teresa was also awarded the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) Distinguished Service Award. Teresa currently serves on the GAHU Board of Directors as the National Legislative Chair and is also a member of the Atlanta Association of Health Underwriters. She is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Texas A&M University (Class of 1978) and lives in Peachtree Corners, GA with her husband, Mickey (also a Texas Aggie).

GAHU is the state chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). NAHU is a voluntary association comprised of approximately 20,000 health insurance professionals including agents, brokers, carrier representatives and administrators. GAHU's members belong to 8 local chapters in our state.

To learn more about GAHU, go to [www.GAHU.org](http://www.GAHU.org) or contact GAHU's Executive Director, Cathy Ford, at 770 516 4746.

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