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# Housekeeper wins 'Haven for a Healthcare Warrior' contest



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Linda Dillard, an O.R Technician at UNC Rockingham Health Care in Eden, is the winner of Marta Mitchell Interior Design's "Haven for a Healthcare Warrior" contest. Here she poses with Mitchell (red jumpsuit) and other members of the design team.

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Linda Dillard, an O.R. Technician at UNC Rockingham Health Care in Eden, has been named the winner of [Marta Mitchell](#) Interior Design's “Haven for a Healthcare Warrior” contest.

Dillard will receive a \$20,000 bedroom makeover from [Marta Mitchell](#) Interior Design, which received 101 nominations for the contest. Healthcare workers from Guilford and Rockingham counties directly involved in the Covid-19 battle were eligible for the giveaway.

Dillard was reassigned from the operating room to cleaning the Covid unit at UNC Rockingham and was the only candidate nominated by the hospital director. She lives in Rockingham and also cares for her husband and mother.

Nominees included doctors, nurses, hospital workers, EMTs, urgent care workers and nursing home workers. "As you can imagine, their stories were incredible, and judging was extremely difficult," Mitchell said.

The four judges for the contest included two senior medical department heads from Cone Hospital.

"Interestingly, these doctors felt that the first-level physicians and ER personnel are doing amazing work but are actually fairly well protected with PPE and stringent safety policies," Mitchell said. "It's the second tier of workers who are at greatest risk performing important tasks and are often underappreciated."