



2025 CAREGIVER AWARD HONOREE

FELICIA PAYTON- MAHABIR

It is with deep love and gratitude that I nominate my sister, Felicia Payton-Mahabir, for the Sisters Network Caregiver Award. Felicia is more than my

sister – she is my friend, confidant, and one of my greatest caregivers. When I first shared my diagnosis, I worried more about how she would handle it than myself. As the oldest sister, I questioned if she had the strength for this journey – but she proved to be our rock, showing grace, determination, and unwavering love.

From the start, Felicia became a quiet force of support. She researched anti-inflammatory and immune-boosting recipes and, despite her dislike for cooking, prepared weekly meals for me and my husband for an entire year. Each delivery came with encouragement or a handwritten note that lifted my spirit.

Four years later, she continues to walk beside me. As captain of my support team, Faith Walkers, she's led over 25 participants in the annual Sista Strut and joined Sisters Network NE Florida as a support member. Even while recovering from her own health challenges, she showed up to volunteer.

Felicia embodies true caregiving – selfless, compassionate, and steadfast. Her love has been both healing and life-changing.