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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATES CRITICAL CARE NURSES BY HOSTING LUNCHEON

**LANCASTER, Ohio (November 9, 2009)** – Fairfield Medical Center celebrated its Critical Care Nurses on October 27, 2009 by hosting a luncheon. The following nurses were recognized for their professionalism, leadership, and commitment to excellence in patient care:

Noelle Tokie, CCRN – Corning  
Christine Cooper, PCCN – Hebron  
Eryn Binner, CCRN – Lancaster  
Joan Evans, CCRN – Lancaster  
Alicia Ferguson, PCCN – Lancaster  
Marjorie Hendrickson, PCCN – Lancaster  
Jackie Myers, CCRN, PCCN – Lancaster  
Cheryl Scholl, CCRN – Lancaster  
Tamara Shaffer, PCCN – Lancaster  
Stacy Spires, PCCN – Lancaster  
Nancy Stone, CCRN – Lancaster  
Lisa Thompson, CCRN – Lancaster  
Colleen Tripp, PCCN – Lancaster  
Ruth Varner, CCRN – Lancaster  
Judy Flood, CCRN – Logan  
Rebecca Keyes, CCRN – Logan  
Debbie Klinger, CCRN- Logan  
Gretchen Tomson, CCRN – Logan  
Linda George, PCCN – Nelsonville  
Rick Lucas, CCRN – New Lexington  
Carey Lutz, PCCN – Somerset  
Debbie Tinto, PCCN – Somerset  
Matthew Boyer, CCRN – Thornville  
Douglas Morehouse, PCCN – Zanesville

Certification listed above includes: Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN) and Progressive Care Certified Nursing (PCCN). Board Certification of nurses plays an increasingly important role in the assurance of high standards of care for patients and their loved ones. Nursing, like health care in general has become increasingly complex. While a registered nurse (RN) license provides entry to general nursing practice, the knowledge-intensive requirements of modern nursing require extensive post-secondary and continuing education and a strong personal commitment to excellence by the nurse.

Fairfield Medical Center encourages national board certification for all its nurses. Patients are encouraged to inquire whether there are certified nurses on staff when they visit Fairfield Medical Center or their primary care providers. Nancy Stone, Intensive Care Unit Manager, noted, "These nurses go out of their way on a daily basis to provide critical care to patients that are very ill, requiring a great deal of intelligence, hard work, and competence. I am very proud of these nurses and am glad we were able to hold a luncheon in their honor."

Tamara Shaffer, Progressive Care Unit RN, PCCN, commented after attending the luncheon, "I am very grateful that Fairfield Medical Center allows its nurses the opportunity to further their education and am glad that they go out of their way to recognize and reward us for becoming certified. They really do take the time to encourage us and help us with our certification even though it is not required, which shows the emphasis the Center puts on education. It just further helps us provide the best patient care possible to our patients."

Please join Fairfield Medical Center in honoring these hardworking, dedicated nurses for their professionalism and a job well done!

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