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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES PROGRAM RECERTIFICATION FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR & PULMONARY REHABILITATION

LANCASTER, Ohio (September 18, 2009) – Fairfield Medical Center is proud to announce the recertification of its Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program as determined by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) National Certification Committee.

The goal of program certification and recertification is to assure the facility is meeting the essential standards of care described in the *4th Edition Guidelines for Cardiac Rehabilitation and Secondary Prevention Programs*. Each program is reviewed by the AACVPR National Certification Committee and the AACVPR Board of Directors for final approval. The committee then presents the hospital with a certificate.

Kelly Marion, Cardiovascular Supervisor at Fairfield Medical Center, knows the importance of the AACVPR recertification, "All of us work as a team in our department and follow the guidelines that the AACVPR sets in order for us to achieve this honor. What this means to our patients is that they are receiving a high standard of care that is accomplished by all of us working together to get the job done in an effective manner."



Pictured from left, back row: Tracey Brooke, Clerical Assistant; Jodie Hildebrand RN, BSN; Christina Siemer- Harley RN, BSN; Noelle Pierce, MS; Misty Russell, MS. From left, front row: Jennifer Turner RN; Teresa Horn, MS; Kelly Marion RN, MSN, BC; Leslie Cooper, RRT; Brandie Shirey, RN, BSN; and Mary Fornadley, RN.

The mission of AACVPR is to reduce morbidity, mortality, and disability from cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases through education, prevention, rehabilitation, research, and aggressive disease management. For more information on AACVPR, visit www.aacvpr.org or call 312/321-5146.

**Founded in 1985, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) is dedicated to the professional development of its members, through information, networking, and educational opportunities. Central to the mission is the improvement in the quality of life for patients and their families.

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