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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER AWARDS EMPLOYEES DURING NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

LANCASTER, Ohio (May 18, 2009) – This year marked the second year the Center gave out awards recognizing individuals for going out of their way for their patients, other employees, and the community in general.



The Community Service Award was awarded to Stephanie VanHorn, Lancaster, Ohio, for her contribution to our community. Stephanie was hired at the Center in 1999, and is the Diabetic Educator at FMC. Comments from her peers include, "Stephanie shows great compassion and a love for helping those with diabetes. She volunteers to attend health fairs regularly as well as volunteering to be the leader of the Diabetes Support Group for several years. She has great compassion and care for the students she teaches. She takes her nursing to heart."



John Belin, Dietary Manager and Reynoldsburg, Ohio resident, was awarded the Leadership Teammate of the Year Award. John started at the Center in 1989, and is tremendous asset to his Department. Comments from his peers include, "John takes the QS3 initiative very seriously and was instrumental in developing a simple way to further communicate the concept top to bottom in the whole organization. John is always interested and engaged in the Center's many endeavors. He is not afraid to identify opportunities to move us forward and willingly volunteers to get involved."



Ruth Johnson, Registered Nurse in the 5th Medical/Surgical Department and Logan, Ohio resident, received the Professional Excellence Award. In 2001, Ruth began employment at the Center and is a very hardworking employee. Ruth received over 25 nominations for this award making her the hands-down winner, some of the reasons noted by her peers were, "She is the most caring and understanding person, and is always there for you being the best she can be. She is what every nurse should be. She lives the Center's mission of being caring and compassionate every day that she is working. She is always willing to assist co-workers, physicians, and patients with any task that needs completed. I want to be Ruth when I grow up. She is truly amazing. No-one deserves this more than she does."



Peggy Sisson was awarded the Legendary Service Award. Peggy began her career at the Center in 2006 and is a Stewart, Ohio resident. She is a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Department. One of her coworkers commented on her performance, "On March 5, 2009, my mother had a triple bypass. Following her surgery, Peggy Sisson cared for her in the Intensive Care Unit. Peggy was absolutely amazing and the personification of customer service - she was caring, compassionate, selfless, and very informative. She

welcomed our questions and often she even anticipated them and helped us to understand everything and ease our minds. Though her patients often don't remember her (the next day), she still talks to them and cares for them as if they would. Peggy constantly went above and beyond in all that she did. Peggy exemplifies our mission statement of providing efficient, compassionate, safe, high quality healthcare for patients and their families and she always puts Patients First!"



The President's Award was awarded to Barb Stivison for a single act that demonstrates the mission of Fairfield Medical Center. Hired in 2000, as a Financial Representative in the Contracts and Collections Department, Barb is one of those silent heroes, never expecting anything in return. One of her co-workers commented, "She is a kind and caring person to work with. Her genuine concern and compassion that she shows to our patients goes above and beyond the call of duty. Her position at the Center requires great patience and a positive attitude. She demonstrates both every day, not only to patients but to co-workers as well."

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