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NHA honors Nebraska health care heroes with “The Caring Kind” award

LINCOLN - The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) recently recognized 80 Nebraska hospital employees for their exemplary service to health care by bestowing them with the organization’s prestigious The Caring Kind award.

For 44 years, The Caring Kind award has recognized Nebraska's most caring and compassionate health care heroes. This award honors outstanding health care employees who have demonstrated compassion for patients, cooperation with co-workers and dedication to excellence in their job responsibilities.

“This award demonstrates the tremendous amount of kindness, caring, dedication and commitment these individuals make to their hospitals,” commented Jeremy Nordquist, President, NHA. “The Caring Kind award is a celebration of our Nebraska health care heroes and the extraordinary work they do each and every day to deliver quality patient care in all of our Nebraska hospitals.”

Hospitals across the state chose one Caring Kind award recipient from their respective facilities. Award winners were recognized at a special luncheon as part of the NHA Annual Convention this past Friday, October 27, at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in La Vista. More than 2,800 caring, skilled and dedicated health care professionals have received this award since its inception in 1979.

The NHA congratulates The Caring Kind award recipients for 2023:

(See following pages for a list of all 80 recipients)

Abe Anderson
Great Plains Health
North Platte

Anabel "Ana" Angel
CHI Health Schuyler
Schuyler

Stefanie Baldo
Faith Regional Health Services
Norfolk

Ellen Barnes
Kearney Regional Medical Center
Kearney

Charlotte Barrientez
Grand Island Regional Medical Center
Grand Island

Cornell Bonde
York General Hospital
York

Haley Booe
Harlan County Health System
Alma

Shelly Bowman
Henderson Health Care
Henderson

Faith Brichacek
Columbus Community Hospital - Columbus Otolaryngology Clinic
Columbus

Sydney Brunssen
Osmond General Hospital
Osmond

Chris Burrell
Avera Creighton Hospital
Creighton

Keely Butcher
Howard County Medical Center
Saint Paul

Cindy Carpenter
Memorial Health Care Systems
Seward

Emily Christensen
CHI Health St. Francis
Grand Island

Laurie Christensen
Valley County Health System
Ord

Laura Conroy
CHI Health Nebraska Heart
Lincoln

Melissa Davis
CHI Health St. Mary's
Nebraska City

Faith Dill
Saunders Medical Center
Wahoo

Katie Drelicharz
Community Medical Center
Falls City

Brenda Fee
Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center
Osceola

Becky Felker
Community Hospital
McCook

Telma Fletcher
CHI Health Lakeside
Omaha

Sharon Frenchman
Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System
Winnebago

Debra Garrelts
CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital
Kearney

Jessica Godsey
Boys Town National Research Hospital
Omaha

Noah Guico
Butler County Health
David City

Rose Harlan
Rock County Hospital - Long Term Care
Bassett

Mary Harvey
Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center
Broken Bow

Michelle Haven
Webster County Community Hospital
Red Cloud

Jason Hesser
Crete Area Medical Center
Crete

Julie Hines
OrthoNebraska
Omaha

Sophia Holt
Children's Hospital & Medical Center
Omaha

Crystal Homolka
East Park Villa - Memorial Community Health
Aurora

Kate Horton
Box Butte General Hospital
Alliance

Emily Iske
Syracuse Area Health
Syracuse

Shiuvaun Jaeger
Tri Valley Health System
Cambridge

Kelli Jessee
Dundy County Hospital
Benkelman

Shirley Knudsen
Cherry County Hospital & Clinic
Valentine

Lenone Koenig
Avera St. Anthony's Hospital
O' Neill

Diane Landers
Antelope Memorial Hospital
Neligh

Jason LaPlant
Nemaha County Hospital
Auburn

Nicole Loomis
Regional West Garden County
Oshkosh

Anastasia Manley
Regional West Health Services
Scottsbluff

Leta Mau
Jefferson Community Health & Life
Fairbury

Julie McFadden
Lexington Regional Health Center
Lexington

Jerry Miller
Methodist Hospital
Omaha

Tracy Moore
Methodist Fremont Health
Fremont

Amber Peden
Cozad Community Health System/Meadowlark Pointe
Cozad

Kimberly Petrzilka
Bryan Medical Center
Lincoln

Rita Petska
Mary Lanning Healthcare
Hastings

Jennifer Poessnecker
West Holt Medical Services
Atkinson

Michael Pracheil
Gothenburg Health
Gothenburg

Matthew Prince
Nebraska Medicine
Omaha

Nosheen Rafique
CHI Health St. Elizabeth
Lincoln

Carrie Ramsey
Pawnee County Memorial Hospital
Pawnee City

Molly Redden
Providence Medical Center
Wayne

Jodie Reeh
Memorial Community Hospital
Blair

Brenda Rhembrandt
Chadron Community Hospital
Chadron

Tammy Rivera
CHI Health CUMC Bergan Mercy
Omaha

Vicki Rother
Boone County Health Center
Albion

Kris Ryan
CHI Health Midlands
Papillion

Minnie Sauser
CHI Health Plainview
Plainview

Bethany Sedivy
Pender Community Hospital
Pender

Minna See
Sidney Regional Medical Center
Sidney

Linda Serda
Morrill County Community Hospital
Bridgeport

Jill Speece
Friend Community Healthcare System
Friend

Joyce Spellman
Kearney County Health Services
Minden

Kim Taylor
Fillmore County Hospital
Geneva

John Tejkl
Franciscan Healthcare
West Point

Spencer Trapp
Brodstone Healthcare
Superior

Amanda Tucker
Brown County Hospital
Ainsworth

Kim Wagner
Merrick Medical Center
Central City

Kim Ware
Methodist Women's Hospital
Elkhorn

Kimberly White
CHI Health Immanuel
Omaha

Brandon Willey
Johnson County Hospital
Tecumseh

Karla Williams
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals
Lincoln

Marlene William
Phelps Memorial Health Center
Holdrege

Melany Winans
Thayer County Health Services
Hebron

Jennifer Wisnieski
Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center
Beatrice

Daphne Wyatt
Ogallala Community Hospital
Ogallala

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