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NHA recognizes most “Caring Kind”

LINCOLN—For 32 years, the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) has paid tribute to Nebraska's most caring hospital workers with the *Caring Kind* award. This prestigious award honors outstanding health care employees who have demonstrated compassion for patients, cooperation with co-workers and dedication to excellence in their job responsibilities. Hospitals across the state select one *Caring Kind* recipient from within their respective institutions to be recognized during the NHA Annual Convention.

Over 1,800 dedicated health care professionals have received this award since its inception in 1979. This year, 73 employees were honored at the 32nd Anniversary of the *Caring Kind* Awards Luncheon held on October 21 at the Embassy Suites in La Vista.

“The tremendous efforts these individuals put forth enable health care facilities to care for their communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” said NHA President, Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE. “*Caring Kind* recipients unselfishly take on the challenge and responsibility of meeting the needs of patients and delivering exceptional quality health care services every day.”

The NHA congratulates these individuals for their selection as a *Caring Kind* recipient:

<u>Caring Kind Recipient</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>City</u>
Stacey Aguilar	Community Hospital	McCook
Jana Arehart	Warren Memorial Hospital	Friend
Ray Baquero-Cruz	Children’s Hospital & Medical Center	Omaha
John Beard	Regional West Medical Center	Scottsbluff
Kelly Bergevin	VA Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System	Omaha
Tesha Broadfoot	Good Samaritan Hospital	Kearney

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Cathy Broz	Dundy County Hospital	Benkelman
Andrew Byers	Ogallala Community Hospital	Ogallala
Janice Chramosta	Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center	Lincoln
Dawn Claus	Memorial Community Health	Aurora
Yvonne Cyza	Columbus Community Hospital	Columbus
Chris Dirkschneider	Alegent Health Memorial Hospital	Schuyler
Hubert Doll	BryanLGH Medical Center	Lincoln
Gary Dominguez	Box Butte General Hospital	Alliance
Rhett Eckmann	Franciscan Care Services	West Point
Rhonda Erwin	Osmond General Hospital	Osmond
Julie Forbes	Plainview Area Health System	Plainview
Rachel Forster	Memorial Health Center	Sidney
Jeanne Freeburg	Alegent Health Midlands Hospital	Papillion
Deb Giunta	Alegent Health at Home	Omaha
Tammy Gray	Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital	Central City
Chelle Green	Valley County Health System	Ord
Jane Hays	Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center	Osceola
Jeanette Henn	Antelope Memorial Hospital	Neligh
Holly Herr	Nemaha County Hospital	Auburn
Virginia Hill	Lexington Regional Health Center	Lexington
Janell Huston	Phelps Memorial Health Center	Holdrege
Diane Jackson	Franklin County Memorial Hospital	Franklin
Scott Jensen	Fremont Area Medical Center	Fremont
Jerel Katen	Community Memorial Hospital	Syracuse
Shelley Keebler	Johnson County Hospital	Tecumseh
Mary M. Kelly	Boys Town National Research Hospital	Omaha
Lisa Kimsey	Memorial Health Care Systems	Seward
Sandra Krolkowski	Saint Francis Medical Center	Grand Island
Phyllis Langan	West Holt Medical Services	Atkinson
Tammy Lauck	Avera Creighton Hospital	Creighton
Scott Lyons	Bellevue Medical Center	Bellevue
Gerardo Martinez	Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare	Hastings
Kate McAuliffe	Alegent Health Bergan Mercy Medical Center	Omaha
Renee McDonald	Alegent Health Lakeside Hospital	Omaha
Ronda Messersmith	Tri Valley Health System	Cambridge
Theresa Metzger	Harlan County Health System	Alma
Shari Michl	Fillmore County Hospital	Geneva
Tom Mittermeier	Alegent Health Immanuel Medical Center	Omaha
Marcia Montgomery	Cozad Community Hospital	Cozad
Cathy Moore	St. Mary's Community Hospital	Nebraska City
Ken Nesbitt	Creighton University Medical Center	Omaha
Janelle Newman	York General Health Care Services	York
Marilyn Noha	Saunders Medical Center	Wahoo

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Katie Pearson	Nebraska Methodist Hospital	Omaha
Barbara A. Petersen	Great Plains Regional Medical Center	North Platte
Diane Petersen	Tilden Community Hospital	Tilden
Rylee Pierce	Brown County Hospital	Ainsworth
Ruby Plager	Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital	Lincoln
Scott Reed	Alegent Health Memorial Community Hospital & Health System	Blair
Sherryn Regier	Chase County Community Hospital	Imperial
Lindsey Schaf	Butler County Health Care Center	David City
Carol Schlichting	Oakland Mercy Hospital	Oakland
Tammy Schroeder	Crete Area Medical Center	Crete
Bethany Sedivy	Pender Community Hospital	Pender
Sheri Sheriff	Faith Regional Health Services	Norfolk
Patience Smith	Select Specialty Hospital	Omaha
Joann Snyder	Rock County Hospital	Bassett
Suzanne Stolcpart	Avera St. Anthony's Hospital	O'Neill
Victoria Swanson	Garden County Health Services	Oshkosh
Dennis Swenson	The Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha
Mark Tietz	Providence Medical Center	Wayne
Ruth Till	Chadron Community Hospital & Health Services	Chadron
Ranae Vorderstrasse	Thayer County Health Services	Hebron
Lea Ann Wells	Boone County Health Center	Albion
Diane Wellsandt	Jefferson Community Health Center	Fairbury
Justin Weyer	Beatrice Community Hospital & Health Center	Beatrice
Jeanette Wieser	Howard County Medical Center	St. Paul

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