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Ron Briggs of St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point receives Excellence in Service Award

LINCOLN—On October 21, at the NHA Annual Convention in La Vista, Nebraska, the Nebraska Hospital Association presented its highest honor in hospital administration to Ron Briggs, CEO and President of St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point, Nebraska. The *Excellence in Service* award recognizes one Nebraska hospital administrator who is active in state and national hospital initiatives, demonstrates leadership within his or her hospital and contributes to the advancement of high quality, efficient and effective health care services in their community.

In his 16 years at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Ron Briggs has been an exemplary leader, mentor and dreamer. His vision, dedication, humor, tireless effort and motivation have made his organization a wonderful place to work. He lives the life of a servant leader, achieving results for his organization by giving priority attention to the needs of his colleagues and the community.

“I wish I had his gift of talking to employees,” stated Carol Kampschnieder, RN, MSN, Vice President Clinical & Regulatory Services at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. “He uses servant living principles and respects everybody when he is talking to them. I couldn’t ask for a better boss.”

Under his leadership, Franciscan Care Services has become a leader in Northeast Nebraska in providing health services to the area communities. The health system has grown from approximately 100 employees to 240, and continues to retain the administrative team and build healthy working relationships with medical staff, area rescue squads, community groups and agencies. The organization has opened four new medical clinics in surrounding communities, as well as the Stalp Surgery Center and Wimmer Rehab area.



“Ron’s leadership in his professional role in health care, as well as in all of the many other community areas of involvement, is best described as enthusiastic, positive, open and creative,” said Dave Wimmer, CEO of Wimmer’s Meat Products in West Point and past board chair of Franciscan Care Services. “Ron truly leads by example.”

On behalf of its 87 members, the NHA congratulates Ron Briggs for his outstanding contributions to health care with the 2011 *Excellence in Service* award.

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