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David Pederson named NHA 2011 Trustee of the Year

LINCOLN—On October 21, at the NHA Annual Convention in La Vista, Nebraska, the Nebraska Hospital Association presented its highest honor in hospital board leadership to David W. Pederson, trustee of Great Plains Regional Medical Center (GPRMC) in North Platte.

NHA President Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE said, “Mr. Pederson is a consummate trustee that exemplifies positive, visible leadership in a challenging health care environment. He has the vision and the dedication to progressively lead his organization in delivering leading-edge health care services and steering his community toward healthy lifestyles. It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Pederson as the 2011 *Trustee of the Year*.”

The NHA Executive Committee established the NHA *Trustee of the Year* Award to recognize the outstanding contributions of hospital trustees who have:

- Contributed to enhancing the overall quality of health care services provided to their community;
- Contributed to the continued viability of their organizations through leadership in diversification/new ventures, merger, affiliation, restructuring, sale or expansion of service;
- Illustrated creativity and innovation in shaping the future vision of the organization;
- Demonstrated the ability to build consensus;
- Shown the ability to analyze issues, define problems and bring issues to successful resolution; and
- Who are active in political advocacy on behalf of the hospital and the field of health care.

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Mr. Pederson has provided exemplary leadership as a member of the board of trustees, offering unwavering support of the hospital during both transition and growth, helping to bring a renewed sense of energy throughout the organization. He tirelessly advocates for improved health care initiatives and quality of life issues in the community. Mr. Pederson's leadership has taken the organization to new levels of success.

As a devoted board chair, Mr. Pederson led Great Plains Regional Medical Center through an extensive search process to find a new leader in 2009 to replace a long-term chief executive officer. Under his guidance, the governing board recently evaluated its management and consultative services and developed a relationship with a new strategic advisory partner. These changes have brought a renewed sense of energy throughout the organization.

In addition to extensive physician recruitment and the implementation of an interventional cardiology program, the organization's patient, employee and physician satisfaction have risen dramatically under Mr. Pederson's leadership. The most recent patient satisfaction results indicated 30 departments had scores at or above the 90th percentile, physician satisfaction scored in the 100th percentile, and employee satisfaction results indicated one-third of all departments at GPRMC scored at the 90th percentile or above for employee commitment.

Mr. Pederson has strengthened the hospital's relationship with Mid-Plains Community College by creating an affiliation focused on the education of future health care providers. This new partnership has resulted in a pledge of \$1.5 million to the building fund of a new health complex at the college. The initiative will create more jobs and help alleviate the shortage of health professionals throughout GPRMC's service area.

David Pederson's commitment to Great Plains Regional Medical Center and the communities it serves have paid major dividends over the past few years. GPRMC is positioned to achieve even greater heights thanks to his relentless drive, desire and dedication.

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