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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Honors Outstanding Hospital Employees

Providence, RI – Hospital employees from throughout the state were honored recently at “Celebration of Excellence,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). Employees of the year from HARI’s nine member hospitals were recognized by the HARI board of trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to health care.

“These nine men and women have been chosen by their peers as an example of the type of hard-working, determined employee who is an inspiration for everyone: supervisors, subordinates, peers, and patients,” said Lou Giancola, Chairman of the HARI board of trustees and president and CEO of South County Hospital Healthcare System. “It is because of the remarkable work of hospital employees like these that hospitals in Rhode Island are able to provide top quality care.”

Award recipients included:

Danielle Cesino, Executive Secretary, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
Roland Ribeiro, ESD Supply Coordinator, The Miriam Hospital
Peter Ford, Environmental Services Team Cleaner, Newport Hospital
Irene Perry, RN, Registered Nurse, Providence VA Medical Center
Sarah Potter, ESD Supply Coordinator, Rhode Island Hospital
Candace Wray, RN, Clinical Nurse Manager, Roger Williams Medical Center
Elizabeth Downey, RN, Clinical Team Leader, South County Hospital Healthcare System
Marjorie Garcia, Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island
Joan McCrea, RN, CNN, Hemodialysis Registered Nurse, The Westerly Hospital

Allen Leadbetter, MD was presented with the HARI Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the health care community. The Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team received the HARI Award for Public Service for the team’s extraordinary achievement in serving the people of Rhode Island.

A broad spectrum of career choices within the health care industry was represented among those recognized. Honorees’ professions ranged from nursing to administrative services and facilities management. The Hospital Association award criteria include all hospital personnel: clinical, professional, and technical.

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Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.