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## **Hospital Association of Rhode Island Honors “Hospital Heroes”**

**Warwick, R.I.** – November 25, 2013 – Individuals from throughout the state were recently honored at “Celebration of Excellence in Hospital Care,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). Employees of the year from HARI’s member hospitals were recognized by the HARI Board of Trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to health care. In addition, recipients of the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award and Francis R. Dietz Award for Public Service were honored.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Hospital Care include:

Mark Gloria, Performance Measurement Administrator, Butler Hospital  
James Vallese, Senior Cardiovascular Technologist, Kent Hospital  
Robert Clermont, Certified Nursing Assistant, Landmark Medical Center  
Michael Greene, HVAC-R Master Mechanic, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island  
Steven Clauson, Physical Therapy Assistant, The Miriam Hospital  
Mary Beth Fransson, Medical Technologist, Newport Hospital  
Bonnie Charland, Associate Director of Patient Care, Providence VA Medical Center  
James Beaulieu, Clinical Pharmacist Specialist, Rhode Island Hospital  
Stacey Delsasso, Registered Nurse, Roger Williams Medical Center  
Deborah Cote, Pharmacist, South County Hospital  
Robert McBroom, Operating Room Technician, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island  
Erin Kennedy, Registered Nurse, The Westerly Hospital  
Lynn Fayne, Registered Nurse, Women & Infants Hospital

Frederick Frost was the recipient of the 2013 Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award. Frost was honored for dedicated service to South County Hospital where he previously served as chair of the board of trustees. The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed in honor of Benjamin Sturges, a community leader who devoted his life to health care and to bettering the community. For half a century, Sturges was active in hospital issues as a trustee at South County Hospital and Butler Hospital, and was committed to many educational and environmental causes.

Marie Ganim was the recipient of the Francis R. Dietz Award for Public Service. Currently deputy chief of staff and director of policy in the Office of the Senate President, Ganim is a long-time public servant who is dedicated to improving health care in Rhode Island. The Francis R. Dietz Award for Public Service honors individuals for remarkable contributions to health care issues. HARI dedicates its public service award to the legacy of Francis Dietz, a long-time CEO of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

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*Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.*