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

**Warwick, R.I.** – November 23, 2010 – 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 HARI Award for Public Service were honored.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Hospital Care included:

Isabel Reis, Director of Infection Control, Landmark Medical Center  
Kathleen Blackledge, Guest Representative, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island  
Jason DiDonato, IS Client Technologies Specialist, The Miriam Hospital  
Linda Hurteau, Rehabilitation Secretary, Newport Hospital  
Kathleen Creighton, Transitional Care Coordinator, Rhode Island Hospital  
Michael Johnson, Network Engineer, Roger Williams Medical Center  
Nina Laing, Case Manager, South County Hospital  
Kevin Silva, Dentist, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island  
Rochelle Fortin, Program Manager, Providence VA Medical Center  
Kristin Fleming, Occupational Therapist, The Westerly Hospital

Christopher Born, MD, Sachita Shah, MD, Stephen Sullivan, MD and Helena Taylor, MD received the HARI Award for Public Service for their extraordinary volunteer work following the January earthquake in Haiti. The four physicians spent days on the island providing care for the injured and training for Haitian doctors. Dr. Born is the chief of orthopaedic trauma services at Rhode Island Hospital. Dr. Shah is an emergency medicine physician at Rhode Island Hospital. Drs. Sullivan and Taylor are pediatric craniofacial surgeons at Hasbro Children’s Hospital. The Public Service Award honors individuals for remarkable contributions to health care issues.

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