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Spirit Awards Presented to Oklahoma Hospital Employees

Fifty-three hospital team members statewide received an Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA) *Spirit of Overcoming Challenge Award* during the 2014 OHA Annual Convention Nov. 20. The 53 front-line, behind-the-scenes and administrative employees received the award because they demonstrated a spirit of successfully conquering a unique or persistent problem that may have seemed insurmountable to others in the organization.

Award recipients were chosen by their hospitals for exemplifying the Spirit of Overcoming Challenge by displaying courage to face a challenge head on with great optimism; creatively designing solutions to a problem in order to overcome a challenge to improve patient care; demonstrating a positive, can-do attitude in his or her approach to problems and solutions; volunteering for a unique challenge when others were unwilling or pessimistic; or conquering a major work obstacle with determination and unique intellect.

“We are pleased to honor these special hospital employees who have dedicated time, talent or expertise to improve their organizations and their communities,” said Craig W. Jones, FACHE, president, Oklahoma Hospital Association. “These are the type of team members who, when they see problems, consistently work to solve them.”

Award winners are:

Bailey Medical Center, Owasso, **Chelsey Deevers-Holloway**, surgical services manager
The Children’s Center Rehabilitation Hospital, Bethany, **Kinsey Charles**, RN, CPN, clinical informatics

Cleveland Area Hospital, **Jaime Merriman**, director of training, education and compliance
Comanche County Memorial Hospital, Lawton, **Lane Hooton**, chief operating officer, Cancer Centers of Southwest Oklahoma

Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah, **Sarah Davis**, director of nursing
Duncan Regional Hospital, **Kim McCaleb**, director, acute care services

Elkview General Hospital, Hobart, **Lisa Hart**, chief executive officer
Grady Memorial Hospital, Chickasha, **Brad Warden**, infection control nurse/staff educator
Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Elk City, **Kevin Martin**, director, plant operations/environmental services
Hillcrest Hospital Cushing, **Kym Pierce**, infection control/patient educator
Holdenville General Hospital, **Chrystal Landers**, business office manager
INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City, **Lillian Perryman**, administrative director for nursing services
INTEGRIS Baptist Regional Health Center, Miami, **Gina R. Nava**, materials buyer
INTEGRIS Bass Baptist Health Center, Enid, **Lurena Campbell**, activity director, skilled nursing facility
INTEGRIS Canadian Valley Hospital, Yukon, **Gayle M. Coker**, director of cardio/pulmonary
INTEGRIS Grove Hospital, **Cathy Trewyn**, executive assistant to president
INTEGRIS Health Edmond, **Jonathan Rule**, vice president, operations
INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center, Oklahoma City, **Robie Harrington**, pharmacist, emergency department
Jackson County Memorial Hospital, Altus, **Shelley Simmons**, RN, MSN, nurse manager of medical surgical and pediatrics
Jane Phillips Medical Center, Bartlesville, **Tilly Labadie**, patient satisfaction coordinator
Lawton Indian Hospital, **Sandra L. Sealey**, supervisory health systems specialist
McAlester Regional Health Center, **Terry Zellmer**, payroll manager
Mercy Hospital Ada, **Lezley Davidson**, RN, director of nursing
Mercy Hospital Ardmore, **Meredith Ladd**, director of therapies
Mercy Hospital El Reno, **Cynthia Laub**, supervisor, environmental services
Mercy Hospital Healdton, **Kayse Owens**, quality coordinator/infection control officer
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher, **Erin Scammahorn**, regional manager, physical rehabilitation services
Mercy Hospital Logan County, Guthrie, **Anita Everett-Acker**, senior IT business partner
Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, **Betty Sadler Brooks**, exercise technician
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo, **Laura Walgren**, physician's assistant
Mercy Hospital Watonga, **Kelli Spencer**, director of nursing
Midwest Regional Medical Center, Midwest City, **Michele Bradshaw**, director of quality & regulatory
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Medical Center, Okmulgee, **Nathaniel Hill**, social worker
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Physical Rehabilitation, Okmulgee, **Debbie Brill**, patient services representative
Norman Regional Health System, **Mike Bumgarner**, chaplain
Northeastern Health System, Tahlequah, **Donna Richard**, human resources assistant
Okeene Municipal Hospital, **Emily Poe**, RN, nursing
OU Medical Center Edmond, **Anita LeDoux**, director, birth center
Perry Memorial Hospital, **Becky Hammock**, patient access representative
Physicians' Hospital in Anadarko, **Beverly Garrison**, infection preventionist
Ponca City Medical Center, **Marci Langston**, director, surgery and central supply
Sequoyah Memorial Hospital, Sallisaw, **Beth Fair**, director of medical imaging
St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City, **Diane Gassett**, division director, behavioral medicine, St. Anthony South
St. Anthony Shawnee Hospital, **Christy Benard**, RN, director of women's services
St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, **Sandra Walker**, RN, director, outpatient services
St. John Broken Arrow, **Letha "Lavonne" Thomas**, RN, team leader
St. John Owasso, **Melissa Kelly**, nursing manager
St. John Sapulpa, **Deborah Dutton**, quality accreditation specialist
St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Enid, **Malinda Isbell**, RN, BSN, director, Birthplace

Stillwater Medical Center, **Leva Swim**, director of strategic planning
Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital, **Elizabeth Sparks**, quality assurance/performance
improvement director
Wagoner Community Hospital, **Brandy Moore**, case manager/infection control coordinator
Weatherford Regional Hospital, **Stephanie Helton**, chief financial officer

Established in 1919, the Oklahoma Hospital Association represents more than 150 hospitals and health care entities across the state of Oklahoma. OHA's primary objective is to promote the welfare of the public by leading and assisting its members in the provision of better health care and services for all people.

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