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Children's Mercy to Receive Centers of Excellence Award

Community Invited to Attend Award Ceremony on June 11

(June 6, 2019) – Join us to learn how Children's Mercy has recently emerged as an exceptional innovator in the Healthy Kansas Hospitals initiative, designed to help hospitals lead by example in promoting healthy behaviors.

Healthy Kansas Hospitals' original goal was to help hospitals provide healthier food and beverage options throughout the facility for hospital employees, patients and visitors. The program is now working on additional initiatives to help hospitals with the overall wellness of their employees.

Children's Mercy is one of two recipients selected for the 2019 Healthy Kansas Hospitals Centers of Excellence Award. Edwards County Medical Center in Kinsley also was selected.

- What: Centers of Excellence Award Presentation
- Who: Children's Mercy
- When: 2:00 pm – Tuesday, June 11, 2019
- Where: Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas - 5808 W. 110th Street, Overland Park
- Why: KHA will present an award and monetary contribution to support future projects aimed at expanding hospital efforts and widening community impact.

Kansas hospitals are taking the lead in creating a roadmap for other worksites to navigate the challenges associated with implementing healthier environments. For more information, go to www.HealthyKansasHospitals.org.

The Healthy Kansas Hospitals initiative was federally funded through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Community Health Systems FLEX Program. The Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) program is managed by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 222 member facilities, of which 125 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is Optimal Health for Kansas.

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