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Health Care Workers of the Year Awarded by the Kansas Hospital Association

(Oct. 30, 2020) – The Kansas Hospital Association recognizes hospital employees who have made a significant contribution to the betterment of their hospital through the Health Care Worker of the Year Award. Hospitals across the state nominated individuals because they routinely go above and beyond the call of duty.

For the past several months, we have been recognizing individuals who were nominated for the Health Care Workers of the Year. All of these candidates demonstrated excellence in health care and routinely went above and beyond the call of duty. To just be nominated from all the employees at each hospital is an honor. So as you can imagine, it was hard for our committee of past award recipients to select our four 2020 Health Care Worker of the Year Awards recipients.

- Lynda Cross, Director of Nursing, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca;
- Paula Miller, Clinical Quality Assurance Manager, The University of Kansas Health System,
 Kansas City;
- Toby Paige, Environmental Services Supervisor, Coffey Health System, Burlington; and
- Janelle Williamson, Nurse Practitioner, LMH Health, Lawrence.

These awardees were announced at the KHA Virtual Convention and Trade Show. Twelve additional hospital employees were nominated and recognized:

- Jaime Baker, Phillips County Health Systems, Phillipsburg;
- Mindi Bremer, Wichita County Health Center, Leoti;
- John Dick, Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson;
- Loretta Fitzgerald, Holton Community Hospital, Holton
- Alison Hodge, Ascension Via Christi Hospital St. Teresa, Wichita
- Brett Hoffecker, MD, Scott County Hospital, Scott City

- Robert Kidd, Newton Medical Center, Newton
- Angela Myers, MD, Children's Mercy Kansas City, Kansas City
- Vivian Nutsch, Ascension Via Christi Hospital Manhattan, Inc., Manhattan
- Korri Phillips MD, Stormont Vail Health, Topeka
- Candy Seltman, AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, Shawnee Mission
- Julie Simon, Ascension Via Christi Hospital St. Francis, Wichita

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 219 member facilities, of which 122 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is Optimal Health for Kansas.

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