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AHA Honors CEO

The Arkansas Hospital Association has named Washington Regional CEO Bill Bradley the 2017 recipient of the A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award. Named after a former Little Rock hospital administrator, the award recognizes recipients' contributions to their hospitals and communities as well as their concerns for patients, employees and the provision of quality healthcare. It is the highest honor

bestowed upon an individual by AHA.

Since the award was first presented in 1974, Bill Bradley is only the fifth recipient from

Northwest Arkansas. The award will be presented in conjunction with the AHA annual meeting in October.



Foundation Awards \$25K in Grants

Washington Regional Medical Foundation recently provided more than \$25,000 in funding to eight hospital departments through a grant program designed to enhance the quality of patient care and improve convenience for hospital visitors.

A committee of employees and foundation board members reviewed proposals from numerous hospital departments and awarded grants in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$4,800:

- Admissions – \$4,500 to provide device-charging stations in waiting areas throughout the hospital.
- Cardiology – \$500 for DVD players so patients can receive in-room education about their upcoming procedures.
- Center for Exercise – \$4,200 to help individuals with chronic and debilitating conditions such as arthritis, Alzheimer's, back pain, limited ambulation, neurological pain and chronic muscle pain.
- Emergency Department/Chest Pain Program – \$3,000 to create a public education campaign about recognizing early heart attack symptoms.
- Imaging – \$3,245 for a powered lift device to assist with transferring immobile patients.
- Pastoral Care – \$4,800 toward developing a Pastoral Care program in the Women and Infants Center.
- Population Health – \$2,500 for geriatric patients who need financial assistance with basic needs such as food, utilities or minor home repairs.
- Population/Case Management – \$2,500 to support bereavement needs of NICU and Labor & Delivery families.

FAITH IN ACTION'S
SAVOR THE FLAVOR

Savor the Flavor is a walking tasting tour of participating restaurants on Dickson Street in Fayetteville on **Tuesday, September 5** and on the Bentonville Square **Thursday, September 28**. Proceeds benefit Faith in Action, a Washington Regional program that provides free non-medical services to homebound seniors.

Washington Regional employees may purchase Savor the Flavor tickets at a special reduced rate of \$40 per individual ticket or \$70 for combo (one ticket to each event, Fayetteville and Bentonville). Tickets may be payroll deducted up to four pay periods. To order contact the foundation at 479.463.GIVE(4483) or foundation@wregional.com.

Participation in Savor the Flavor will count as a wellness activity for employees on the health plan. If you have questions about documentation, contact Mike Osborn at mosborn@wregional.com.

Chief Nursing Officer for Clinics

Kathleen Imhoff, MBA, BSN, RN, CMSRN, recently joined Washington Regional as Chief Nursing Officer - System Clinics. She provides leadership and mentorship to the nursing staff throughout Washington Regional's system of clinics, including family medicine clinics as well as specialty practices.



Before joining Washington Regional, Kathleen was Outpatient Services Director at Northeastern Health System in Tahlequah, Okla. She graduated from Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., with an Associate in Applied Science and a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Kathleen also earned a Master of Business Administration with concentration in health administration from Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill. A Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse, she is a member of the Medical Group Management Association at both the state and national levels as well as the American Nurses Association and Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

Employee of the Month – August Linda Moore Case Management Assistant Case Management Dept.



Linda with Director of Clinical Integrity Karen McIntosh and Case Management/Social Services Manager John Stewart.

Linda, who joined Washington Regional in 1999, can be counted on to come in early and stay late if needed. She helps her department by volunteering for committees, organizing meetings and taking care of everyone around her. Some of Linda's co-workers respectfully refer to her as "Mama Linda" because she is always there to help them with a willing and dedicated spirit.



Remember! Annual reorientation modules on HealthStream are due September 30. Questions? Contact your unit educator or Tami Reed (ext. 1587 or treed@wregional.com).

Prudence in Facilities Management and Medical-Surgical



Clockwise from top left: Don Simon, Kendrick Williams, Tony Parsley, Jeff Barker, Terry Lawson, Bob Bryant, Brian Simco, Lyndl Rothenberger.

The Washington Regional Quality Team recently recognized Facilities Management and the Medical-Surgical nursing unit and sent Prudence the Quality Cow to honor each team.

A fellow employee wrote: *Heading to the cafeteria one day I noticed everyone was walking past some trash in the hallway. A group from Facilities Management, however, did not hesitate to stop and gather that trash and make the hallway look nice again. They take pride in our facilities, and it's a great example of pulling*

together to keep everything working well here at Washington Regional.

For the Medical-Surgical nomination, a patient's family member wrote: *My family was so impressed with the care my dad received. From the ER nurse and tech to the 4th floor nurses and techs, their compassion for him and our family was beyond amazing. Our hospitalists, Dr. Warner, Dr. McCowan and Dr. Rekus, were so patient in answering ALL of our questions and addressing ALL of our concerns. Additionally, the physical therapist and social worker also were incredibly helpful.*



Front row: Yanli Zhao, RN; Sharon Rogers, RN; Liberty Adams, RN; Loretta Bolner, RN/Assistant Director. Back row: Michelle House, RN; Cody Walters, ACNA; Vanessa Bryant, RN; Jessica Gilstrap, RN; Tonya Hanle, RN/Director; Kendra Been, RN; Matthew Kazanovicz, RN.