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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Honors “Hospital Heroes”

Warwick, RI – 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 Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award and HARI Award for Public Service were honored.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Hospital Care included:

Linda Rowey, Educator, Landmark Medical Center
Sarah Cook, Linen Coordinator, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
Barbara Bowers, Staff RN, Cardiac Cath Lab, The Miriam Hospital
Dorothy Berube, Unit Secretary, Newport Hospital
Thomas O’Toole, MD, Chief of Primary Care, Providence VA Medical Center
Jason Baker, Unit Assistant, Rhode Island Hospital
Maria Tavares, Senior Medical Technologist and Education Coordinator, Roger Williams Medical Center
Shannon Booth, Pharmacist, South County Hospital
Linda Greaves, Registered Nurse, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island
Jodi Lamport, Nursing Assistant, The Westerly Hospital

Bishop Robert Mulvee, former chairman of the St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island board of trustees, was presented with the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the health care community. He served as chairman from 1997 to 2005, a significant era of growth for the health system as it worked to meet the changing health care needs of its community. The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed in honor of Benjamin Sturges, a community leader who devoted his life to health care and to bettering the community. For half a century, Sturges was active in hospital issues as a trustee at South County Hospital and Butler Hospital, as well as taking up many educational and environmental causes.

Senator Dennis Algiere, Representative Peter Lewiss and Jack Warner, commissioner of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education received the HARI Award for Public Service for their extraordinary achievement in serving the people of Rhode Island. Senator Algiere and Representative Lewiss have been committed supporters of the hospital mission, advancing issues that aid hospitals in providing quality, efficient care to patients. Warner has been an important ally in addressing health care workforce shortages, and was instrumental in advocating for policy that increased the number of nursing faculty available to teach students. The award honors individuals for remarkable contributions to health care issues in the state.

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Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.