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Woodland Heights Honors Tenured Employees

Lufkin, TX (October 7, 2009) – Woodland Heights Medical Center celebrated tenured employees at a service awards presentation. Fifty hospital employees hit service milestones, having been employed for five, ten, fifteen, twenty & thirty years at the facility.

“I am proud of the proven quality care Woodland Heights gives its patients; and that care is a direct result of our staff,” states Bill Weldon, CEO of Woodland Heights. “Our team is made up of highly trained and skilled personnel who care about our patients and visitors.”

Woodland Heights is continuously recognized for quality care. The facility was recently awarded the Texas Health Care Quality Improvement Award of Excellence from TMF® Health Quality Institute. In addition to being recognized as the preferred provider for Cardiac, Orthopedic and Emergency Services by Healthstream®, Woodland Heights is also consistently highly-ranked in quality, according to data released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

“The skill, compassion and dedication of Woodland Heights’ employees is the reason for our success,” states Weldon.

Beva Masters, recent honoree for thirty years of service says, "I am proud to be part of the Woodland Heights family. I strongly believe in our mission and in the quality of care our patients receive."

For more information about Woodland Heights, visit the web site at www.woodlandheights.net or call (936) 699-CARE.

About Woodland Heights Medical Center

Established in 1918, Woodland Heights Medical Center was Lufkin's first hospital. Now, nine decades later, Woodland Heights is recognized throughout Deep East Texas as the leading provider of high quality, innovative health care services. Accommodating a wide range of clinical specialties, Woodland Heights has achieved excellence in key medical and surgical areas including cardiology, pulmonology, neurology, orthopedic surgery, physical medicine/rehabilitation, vascular surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Woodland Heights also offers a full range of outpatient diagnostic services including advanced imaging, laboratory, outpatient surgery and emergency services. Through its Rehabilitation Center, Woodland Heights offers cardiac rehabilitation, stroke recovery and physical and occupational rehabilitation. Combining modern facilities, leading technology, an exceptional staff and a commitment to the communities it serves, Woodland Heights Medical Center remains at the forefront of quality health care in Deep East Texas

PICTURES:

30 Yr. Service Award: pictured is Beva Masters

20 Yr. Service Award: (pictured, l to r): Rhonda Boyle, Belinda Robinson & Gina Joseph; (not pictured): Valerie Grogan & Sandra Buckley

15 Yr. Service Award: pictured is Brenda Drake; (not pictured): Rebecca Petty, Joan Hedger, Mike Kasper & Randy Rice

10 Yr. Service Award: (pictured, front row, l to r): Jeannine Rushing, Carolyn Morgan, LaTonya Austin; (second row, l to r): Charlene Wooten, Vergie Hines, Mary Hathorn, Paul Alderman; (not pictured): Mary Ann Kreid, Phyllis Alston, Ondra Wade, Cindy Oates

5 Yr. Service Award: (pictured, front row, l to r): Lesley Davis-White, Sherri Paresa, Marilyn Faulkner, Shana Click; (second row, l to r): Mike Eddins, Debra Fielding, Michelle Stephens, Charity Fennell, Tamiko Griffin, Vicki Ramsey; (third row, l to r): Delphina Maxie, Debi Lura, Rex Brock, Cynthia Collins; (not pictured): Kim Rutledge, Jason Sheard, Stephen Hendrickson, Karla Ashabrunner, Anthony Wells, Kathy Hutson, Mary Smith, Gina Morton, Angela Wilson, Cesar Lopez, Misty Henderson, Alicia Zavala, Shelley Adams, Melissa Kirkland