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Doty Honored at Statewide Health Care Employee Recognition Program

MADISON (April 26, 2007)-----Jean Doty, Volunteer Services Director, Saint Joseph's Hospital-Ministry Health Care, Marshfield is the recipient of the 2007 Pride Program Award.

Doty joined 68 other hospital employees from across the state that were honored at the 2007 Wisconsin Health Care Employee Pride Program recognition dinner at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

The program, sponsored by the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA), is designed to celebrate the health care workforce and recognize their "truly amazing" contributions to the health of their communities, according to Wisconsin Hospital Association President Steve Brenton.

"People who work in hospitals are among Wisconsin's most dedicated and valuable employees. It takes special people to care for others and our communities are richer, safer, and healthier places to live because of these professionals," Brenton added. "Whether they are on the front lines, or supporting those who deliver patient care, every health care employee helps improve the health status in the community where they live and work."

Employees were asked to describe what led them to choose an occupation in health, and why they decided to work in a hospital. Hundreds of health care employees submitted essays. A committee at each health care facility selected the winning essay, and that person was honored at the recognition banquet on April 26.

The recognition program is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Society of Healthcare Human Resources Administration, the Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Executives, and the Wisconsin Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing Society.

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Jean Doty's Essay Follows:

WHA Employee Pride Program Story

As Volunteer Services Director at Saint Joseph's Hospital, I have the distinct pleasure of working with 600 adult and teenage volunteers ranging in age from 13 to 95 years of age. My volunteers inspire me to keep working at a job I love.

I admire my adult volunteers for often overcoming personal difficulties in order to come to the Hospital to volunteer, including: cancer treatment, visual and hearing impairment, an ill spouse, transportation difficulties, etc. I admire my teenage volunteers who seem to be involved in every sport, school and church activity, excel academically and work part-time, yet make serving others a priority in their lives and show up for their weekly volunteer service. Because of the exposure these young people get to healthcare, many choose to go to college to pursue a healthcare career. These are the kids I want taking care of me when I'm old!

While we're only a department of two people, we are 600 people strong. We're the other "human resource services" department in the Hospital! My volunteers serve in 40+ areas and provided more than 62,000 hours of service last year.

Sure, I could work someplace else, but where else would I have the opportunity to recruit, train and recognize some of the best people in the community. People who believe in our mission and whose values are the same as the Saint Joseph's. Working here exposes me to both sadness and joy on a day-to-day basis. The sadness keeps me "grounded" and the joy gives me hope.

I am extremely proud of the work I do and of the service my volunteers provide. I love to see them appreciated and respected for the time and talents they donate throughout the "house." They make this house a "home" for our patients, their families and our staff.

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