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The Christ Hospital Caregiver Receives Health Care Worker of the Year Award

Columbus, Ohio (June 13, 2017) – The Ohio Hospital Association recognized 66 hospital caregivers on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 during its 102nd Annual Meeting Recognition Dinner event in Columbus.

"We are proud to recognize the exemplary leadership and contributions of tonight's honorees and nominees for improving health care in Ohio," said Mike Abrams, OHA president and CEO. "Every day Ohio hospitals are providing vital services to Ohioans and patients from around the world through the services of dedicated caregivers, hospital leaders and policymakers."

Ohio Gov. John Kasich (Westerville) and Delos (Toby) Cosgrove, MD, (Hunting Valley) president and CEO, Cleveland Clinic, were inducted into OHA’s Hall of Fame. The OHA Hall of Fame, created to commemorate the association’s centennial, honors men and women who have made extraordinary contributions to the delivery of health care for Ohioans.

OHA presented three leadership awards to industry leaders and national program:

- Dr. Eli Crew Community Service Excellence Award: Walk with a Doc (Columbus);
- James R. Castle Distinguished Service Award: Cynthia Moore-Hardy (Painesville), president and CEO, Lake Health; and
- Donald R. Newkirk Award: Jim Pancoast (Kettering), retired president and CEO, Premier Health.

Rebecca Daniels of The Christ Hospital received the Association’s annual Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year award. Daniels is a clinical manager of the cardiovascular stepdown unit. This award is given each year to one Ohio hospital caregiver who personifies a leader, gives back to the community and routinely goes beyond the call of duty.

From the 66 nominees, there were four finalists:

- Donna Beach, OhioHealth Grant Medical Center
- Lisa Jasin, Dayton Children’s Hospital
- Robin Charney, ProMedica Flower Hospital
- Scott Garner, Mercy Health Willard Hospital

Editor’s note: For a link to the event photo album, click here.
During the Energy and Sustainability luncheon ceremony on Tuesday, June 13, University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center (Beachwood) received OHA’s John Chapman Award for a comprehensive program to reduce the hospital’s ecological footprint. OHA’s John Chapman Award recognizes a hospital or health system that demonstrates excellence in initiating or supporting pollution prevention programs. The award is named after John Chapman or “Johnny Appleseed,” who planted thousands of apple trees across the Midwest during the 19th century.

On Monday, June 12, Mike Keating (Cincinnati), president and CEO, The Christ Hospital Health Network received the 2017 Friends of Ohio Hospitals Most Valuable PAC Player award. This OHA award recognizes a hospital or health system CEO and their managerial staff for tremendous commitment and outstanding efforts during the previous year’s Friends of Ohio Hospitals fundraising campaign. Kristen Morris (Cleveland), chief government and community relations officer, Cleveland Clinic, received the American Hospital Association’s Annual Ohio Grassroots Champion Award. The award recognizes a hospital leader who effectively educates elected officials about major issues affecting hospitals, has done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for hospitals, and is a tireless advocate for hospitals and their patients.

OHA also recognized hospitals for participating in a statewide occupational safety campaign program. Award winners were recognized for workplace safety and successful occupational health programs. Hospitals participating in the campaign are grouped based on the total number of hours worked by all employees. Recognized hospitals include Summa Health Wadsworth-Rittman Medical Center, ProMedica Bay Park, Community Hospital, Wood County Hospital, Blanchard Valley Hospital, Southern Ohio Medical Center, and James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

About OHA
Established in 1915, OHA represents 220 hospitals and 13 health systems throughout Ohio that employ 250,000 Ohioans and contribute $27.8 billion to Ohio’s economy along with $3.61 billion in net community benefit. OHA is the nation’s oldest state hospital association and is recognized nationally for its patient safety and health care quality initiatives and environmental sustainability programs. Guided by a mission to collaborate with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio, the work of OHA centers on three strategic initiatives: advocacy, economic sustainability, and patient safety and quality. The association founded the OHA Institute for Health Innovation and OHA Solutions hospital staffing program, and is a co-founder of the Ohio Health Information Partnership and the Ohio Patient Safety Institute.

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