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United Hospital District To Honor 24 Employees for Length of Service
Annual Luncheon Celebrates Milestone Work Anniversaries

Blue Earth, MN – May 7, 2019 – United Hospital District (UHD) will honor employees celebrating milestone work anniversaries at a special luncheon on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. This year, 24 employees will be recognized for a combined total of 350 years of service.

The UHD Service Recognition Ceremony is a long-standing annual tradition that began approximately 30 years ago, when it was first observed that several employees had each dedicated many years of service to the organization. This year, the ceremony will honor employees achieving their five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 40-year milestones. The employees represent virtually every department of UHD, including the hospital, clinic locations, Home Health and Hospice program and Adolescent Treatment Center.

This year's longest serving employee is Brenda Anderson, RN, who is celebrating her 40th year of employment at UHD. As a new employee in 1979, Brenda was an LPN in the medical/surgical department; she advanced her degree through continuous training and is now a fully cross-trained registered nurse working throughout the hospital, Emergency department, and Blue Earth Clinic. At the 25-year mark, four employees will be recognized, including Deb Lacher, RN, and Karen Irons, Laurie Jagerson and Lori Korn, who are team members in the Health Information Services department.

At the event, which takes place at Hamilton Hall in Blue Earth, UHD managers and senior administrators award gifts based on length of service, with jewel-themed pins or gifts representing the different milestones. The Service Recognition Ceremony will also align with UHD's recognition of National Hospital Week, which falls this year May 12-18. Other events for all UHD employees occur throughout the week as well, including prize raffles and an all-staff cookout.

The following UHD employees will be recognized for their years of service:

40 years

Brenda Anderson, RN

25 years

Karen Irons, RHIT

Laurie Jagerson

Lori Korn

Deb Lacher, RN

20 Years

Tracy Blagg, R.T.(R)(M)(CT)

Lesla Ocker, RN

15 Years

Rennie Amundson

Vivian Hovland, RN

Daniel Killion, EMT

Kristin Peterson

Janell Wagle, RN

10 Years

Lindsey Dahl, R.T.(R)(M)(CT)

Nikki Hagedorn

Kayla Jagerson, CDM, CFPP

Aaron Johnson, MD

Karen Sickler

Crystal Smith

Sharon Stiernagle

5 Years

Janel Buseman, RPh, CDE

Gena Frost

Dustin Lane

Brianna Linder, RN

Ruby Wiederhoeft

United Hospital District is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in Blue Earth, MN. It is one of Faribault County's largest employers and offers general surgery plus a full range of primary and specialty care services, including allergy & asthma, cardiology, ENT, ophthalmology, orthopedics, OB/GYN, rehab therapies (PT/OT/Speech Pathology) and urology. The hospital supports a patient-centered care philosophy and its network includes four clinic locations plus a Home Health and Hospice program, and the Adolescent Treatment Center, an inpatient recovery program providing substance use and mental health services.