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GRAND LAKE HEALTH SYSTEM HEALTHCARE WORKER OF THE YEAR, THERESA HAYS, IS NOMINATED FOR THE OHIO HEALTH ASSOCIATION'S ALBERT E. DYCKES AWARD

Ohio Hospital Association to Recognize Ohio Candidates at Statewide Event

St Marys, OH (June 4, 2009) – Grand Lake Health System was one of 84 hospitals across the state to recognize Ohio health care workers who were nominated for this year's Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year Award, presented by the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA).

Grand Lake Health System nominated Theresa Hays, Registered Nurse of Pediatrics because of her selfless dedication for over fifteen years.

"I am surrounded by excellence and being nominated for this award is a very humbling experience," Hays said. "I work with so many individuals deserving of this nomination because of the quality of care and performance they provide on a daily basis."

Every Ohio hospital was invited to nominate one person for the prestigious award. The Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year Award, given annually by the Ohio Health Association since 1996, is named for a retired OHA association who was highly regarded throughout and beyond Ohio's healthcare community.

The award recognizes an employee of an Ohio hospital or healthcare system who is an outstanding healthcare worker. Nominees are recognized as great leaders, individuals who reflect the values and ideals of Ohio's healthcare facilities, extraordinary caregivers who go above and beyond the call of duty, individuals who give back to the community and who have overcome odds to succeed.

"The most rewarding part about my career is seeing the children smile," Hays said. "We work hard to meet their needs while getting them back to their preadmission state."

OHA will present the award during a recognition dinner on June 15, in conjunction with the association's annual meeting at the Hilton Columbus at Eaton. Hays is one of 84 nominees to be honored by OHA for being their hospital's choice for this distinction