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CRMC Lands Four on 100 Great Iowa Nurses List for 2018 Reception to recognize local honorees to be held on Wednesday, May 30th

Cherokee Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that four of its registered nurses have been named to the 2018 list of 100 Great Iowa Nurses. The award promotes excellence in nursing and recognizes those within the state of Iowa who have truly gone above and beyond to contribute to the nursing profession.

The 2018 honorees from CRMC include Rita Comstock, Lynn Ivarson, JoAnne Tapper, and Luann Wittrock. They were recognized at the 14th Annual celebration of Iowa's Great Nurses held in Des Moines on Sunday, May 6th.

"I cannot say enough about the quality of care and leadership these four nurses provide on a daily basis," claims Matt Johnson, CEO/President of Cherokee Regional Medical Center. "Our organization, and the care our patients receive, is truly better because of their efforts. I am extremely proud of each of them, and appreciate all they contribute to CRMC."

This past year, more than 500 Iowa nurses were nominated for this honor by patients, colleagues, family members, and friends. Those selected were based on their concern for humanity, courage, competence, and commitment to their patients. Recipients have also made significant contributions to help mentor others within to the field of nursing. The 2018 final list of 100 Great Iowa Nurses was determined by representatives of the Iowa Nurses Association, Iowa Nurses Foundation, Iowa Hospital Association, Iowa Organization of Nurse Leaders, Iowa Nurse Practitioner Society, Iowa Emergency Nurses Association, and the University of Iowa College of Nursing.

The 2018 honorees-- Comstock, Ivarson, Tapper, and Wittrock-- join past CRMC recipients Leanne Hammer (2008), and Dondee Halverson (2012), on this prestigious honor roll. The complete list of the 2018 recipients, as well as previous recipients, can be found at <http://www.greatnurses.org/>.

"When looking at the entire scope of work and accomplishments of each of our recipients, there is no doubt that they are all extremely well deserving of this recognition," adds Johnson. "In fact, these accolades are probably long overdue in my opinion."

To honor the contributions of these outstanding nurses, Cherokee Regional Medical Center will host a come and go reception for CRMC's 100 Great Iowa Nurses honorees, past and present, in the CRMC 1st Floor Conference Room on Wednesday, May 30th from 4:30 -6:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend and congratulate this well deserving group for receiving this impressive honor.



Photo – Cherokee Regional Medical Center’s 100 Great Iowa Nurses honorees for 2018 include, left to right, Rita Comstock, JoAnne Tapper, Luann Wittrock, and Lynn Ivarson. This group of dedicated registered nurses was formally recognized in Des Moines on May 6, 2018.