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November Shooting Star, Guiding Lights honored by Pardee Hospital

(Hendersonville, NC) Pardee Hospital presented a Shooting Star Award in November to Doug Gibson of the Pardee Care Center. Bridget Barron, Psychiatric Services, and Karla Ketwitz, Laboratory Services, were also honored with Guiding Light Awards.

The Shooting Star Award recognizes Pardee associates who consistently go above and beyond in their jobs and serve as role models to their fellow associates. Winners are nominated by their co-workers to receive the award and \$100 cash prize. The Guiding Light Award recognizes Pardee directors who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities.

Doug Gibson, maintenance supervisor for Pardee Care Center, shows he is a Shooting Star every day. Gibson oversees the maintenance needs of the Pardee Care Center, Pardee Pavilion and the Elizabeth House of Four Season's Hospice. He handles his engineering responsibilities at all three facilities with professionalism. He demonstrates a high work ethic in his attention to work orders, facility inspections and working with outside vendors. According to his co-workers, he completes every task with a smile.

Bridget Barron is the director of Psychiatric Services for Pardee Hospital. Barron was nominated for the Guiding Light by her staff for her "open door" leadership style, attention to detail, customer service skills and excellent patient bedside manner. Her staff feels that Barron is always willing to listen and help out as needed. Barron's fellow co-workers commend her for

her honesty, integrity and excellence in leadership. She has a positive attitude, and sets a good example not only for her staff, but for the entire organization.

Karla Ketwitz is the director of Laboratory Services for Pardee Hospital. Ketwitz received a Guiding Light Award for her outstanding customer service, professionalism, communication and leadership skills. She promotes continuous professional development among her staff. Ketwitz has been credited for developing career ladders in phlebotomy and is currently working on career ladders for other positions in the Lab. She is always willing to go the extra mile in customer service.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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