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### **Pardee honors three associates with Shooting Star awards**

*(Hendersonville, NC)* Pardee Hospital presented Shooting Star Awards in November to Hope Lindsey (Case Management), Diane Thiessen (Accounting) and Patience Bryson (Human Resources).

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.

Lindsey is the discharge planner for 2-West, and she is a vital part of the 2-West team. Her co-workers say that she is compassionate, professional, caring and team-oriented. Lindsey has a great deal of enthusiasm for her work, going above and beyond her job duties, often working as a staff nurse when the unit is shorthanded.

Thiessen, from Accounting, has been the payroll manager for three-and-a-half years. She is always willing to step up and help anyone that needs assistance, both inside and outside of her department. In her job, there is enormous pressure to get payroll out on time, and though problems may arise, Thiessen is dedicated and reflects a positive and committed attitude.

Bryson, from Human Resources, takes special steps to make sure all associates are treated with respect, compassion, confidentiality and patience. She follows up diligently on every task that comes across her desk. Bryson earned the Shooting Star award because no matter how much she has on her plate, she always has time to help others.

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 sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).

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