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**Pardee presents Shooting Star Awards**

*(Hendersonville, N.C.)* Pardee Hospital presented Shooting Star awards in April to Sue Ballard, of Mammography Services, Heather Shuford, of the Laboratory, and Deborah Mathis, of Home Care.

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.

Ballard is dedicated to her role as a mammography technologist and has established a following of patients due to her years of service. Ballard is very conscientious and follows all procedures and policies. According to her co-workers, she always does the right thing even when no one is looking. She is an inspiration to her co-workers as well as the community. Her co-workers say she is one of the most loyal and dedicated associates working at Pardee. She is kind, honest, giving and has a positive, uplifting attitude.

Shuford sets an example for the Laboratory team, displaying the qualities of a team player and excelling in the general standards of performance. Her co-workers say she has a wonderful rapport with others and is always willing to help with their needs. Shuford has reached



Phlebotomy Level III, the top level on the phlebotomy career ladder. Shuford's co-workers say she is a centered, responsible and caring person.

Mathis has worked at Pardee for more than 20 years and has always shown a kind and caring attitude towards her patients and co-workers. She is continually learning the latest in nursing care, keeping the best interests of her patients in mind. Her co-workers say she always goes above and beyond for her patients making sure their needs are met. Mathis is always willing to change her schedule to meet her patients' needs and provides excellent 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 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. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit

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