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Pardee presents Shooting Star Awards

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital presented Shooting Star awards in June to Hala Mahmoud, RN, Operating Room, and Wesley Wells, of Respiratory Therapy.

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.

Mahmoud's co-workers say she is always pleasant, professional and willing to assist other associates with any situation that may arise, be it a patient complaint or problems with the computer. She is well-versed in the policies of the OR and able to make sure everyone complies with the standards and rules. When dealing with patients, she always has a smile on her face and takes the time to answer questions and ease their nervousness while they wait for surgery. She is always looking for ways to improve the department so it runs smoother for associates and patients. She has been instrumental in helping the OR implement green initiatives, including helping to start a recycling program.

Wells is appreciated by his co-workers for always being ready, willing, able and eager to do anything and help anyone to get the job done, whatever it may be. He always follows up immediately when hearing of any patient concerns and will stop immediately if a visitor appears



confused or lost, answering their questions and taking them where they need to be. He is very flexible with his schedule, covering the department when a co-worker needs time off. He makes sure the department's equipment is functioning, involves co-workers in suggesting and evaluating purchasing new equipment, and arranges in-services when needed. Wesley also participates in a wide range of committees and activities at the hospital and outside of the hospital. He is always looking for ways to improve himself as well as the department. He is an instructor for BCLS/CPR classes to co-workers as well as a clinical preceptor for respiratory care students.

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 www.pardeehospital.org.

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