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Spirit of Planetree Awards Received at Longmont United Hospital

Longmont United Hospital is proud to announce that Sue Matthews and Dr. Patti Rosquist were honored recipients of the Spirit of Planetree Award at a celebration during the 2007 Planetree Annual Conference in Williamsburg, VA.

The Spirit of Planetree Awards were created to promote patient-centered care by publicly recognizing individuals who personalize and demystify the healthcare experience for others as well as programs and services that support extraordinary achievement in patient-centered care. The initiative helps communicate the character and quality of caregivers and healthcare organizations serving the community in the Planetree Network. The Awards positively affect staff morale in affiliated institutions through an award process that includes and reflects appreciation by peers and administrators and, in many cases, recognizes those who have not been in the spotlight for professional achievements.

Sue Matthews, RN was one of 56 caregivers and Dr. Patti Rosquist was one of 35 physician champions honored during the national awards ceremony. Coworkers selected recipients for their outstanding efforts in patient-centered care.

Sue Matthews is a BirthPlace Nurse and the Perinatal Loss Coordinator at Longmont United Hospital. As the Perinatal Loss Coordinator, she has improved the way we touch the lives of families who have lost a baby. Sue works with the Birthplace staff to establish a peaceful, supportive environment and create keepsakes for parents as they journey through their grief. Sue's tender care helps parents under tragic circumstances.

Dr. Patti Rosquist is a Pediatrician with hospital privileges at Longmont United Hospital. She is a patient advocate with the courage and resolve to address the most difficult issues in a direct, yet compassionate manner. Her colleagues describe her as kind, caring, respectful, and collaborative. Dr. Rosquist recognized the Planetree philosophy as compatible with her own personal values and beliefs when she attended the national conference in 2006. Her commitment to patient-centered care is steadfast.

About Planetree

For nearly three decades, Planetree, Inc., a not-for profit organization based in Derby, CT, has been at the forefront of the effort to humanize, personalize and demystify the health care system. Today, the Planetree Membership Network is a global community of more than 125 acute care hospitals, continuing care facilities, outpatient clinics and consumer health libraries, each working to transform the health care experience by considering health care facilities, processes and protocols from the perspective of the patient.
