



Honoring Iowa's Hospital Heroes

For some, heroes are bigger than life. However, for many of us, heroes are those who reached out to us in time of need. They do so with no expectation of reward or recognition. It is part of who they are and the character of their soul.

Each day, Iowa hospitals serve their communities and celebrate a winning team of everyday heroes. In total, more than 74,000 commit themselves to serving anyone who is in need. They are healers and miracle workers, young and old, men and women in small towns and large cities who come from many different ethnic, religious and social backgrounds. However, they are all part of a unique group of committed health care professionals. Our hospitals could not deliver the high quality care our patients need and deserve without this team of everyday heroes. To honor their contribution to their community, the Iowa Hospital Association has developed a program to recognize these dedicated men and women: The IHA Iowa Hospital Heroes Award.

Guidelines

A Hospital Heroes Award nomination may be submitted by anyone affiliated with an Iowa hospital. Nominees must be employed or have medical privileges at an Iowa hospital. To submit a candidate for the award, a nomination form must be completed and accompanied by a narrative explaining why the nominee deserves this award. The narrative should describe the actions or programs initiated by the nominee and the measurable results. Up to three testimonial letters may accompany the nomination.

The nominee should be someone who has performed a heroic act or tirelessly gives their time, talent or expertise to better their organization, patients or community, with measurable results. These everyday heroes are the role models for other hospital employees and the community they serve. They are people of integrity and honesty whose actions are evidence that they always place others before themselves. Nominees will be selected by a panel of judges to receive the IHA Iowa Hospital Heroes Award. Recipients will be recognized at the IHA Annual Meeting.

Applications must be completed and returned by **June 1, 2010**. For more information, contact Scott McIntyre at IHA (515/288-1955). Nomination materials may be e-mailed to mcintyres@ihaonline.org or mailed to:

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