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AMMC'S PATTEN HONORED AS SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

PARAGOULD, AR – Robin Patten, Director of Social Services at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC), was recently honored as the Arkansas Social Worker of the Year by the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Patten's work in the profession has been recognized several different times over the years. She received the Arkansas Tutor of the Year Award from the Arkansas Bar Association for the Arkansas Literacy League. She is also a past recipient of the ASU Outstanding Alumni Award for the Department of Social Work.

Robin has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Arkansas State University and is completing her Master of Arts in Rural Social Work. She has served as a field instructor for the Department of Social Work at ASU for many years.

Patten has served on several boards of directors representing social change and community interventions. Those include the Greene County Literacy Council, Mission Outreach and its Charitable Health Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, Compassionate Friends, Crowley's Ridge Rural Health Coalition and Greene Acres Nursing Home.

Karen Fullen, LCSW and Title IV-E Instructor for ASU had the honor of presenting Robin her award and says, "She is a social worker who not only talks about change but is someone who makes change happen."

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When asked about her award, Patten says, “What a tremendous honor to be recognized by my peers for my practice of social work. There are so many social workers in our community and state who could and should be honored. The work that I have been able to accomplish I did not do alone. There were many people with servant’s hearts who were right there beside me working to better our community. They too deserve a big thanks.”

Robin is married to Mike Patten, has one daughter Emily and a grandson, Davin.

A recognized leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould provides progressive, compassionate healthcare to residents throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Additional information about AMMC is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.