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AMMC RECOGNIZES SERVICE, DEDICATION OF EMPLOYEES

PARAGOULD, AR – Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) honored 75 of its employees Thursday, March 27th at the medical center’s 42nd annual Employee Service Awards Banquet held at the Atkins Celebration Hall in Paragould.

Seventy-five of AMMC’s more than 700 employees were honored for their commitment, dedication and skill in providing state-of-the-art, quality and compassionate health care services to patients.

“We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful staff at Arkansas Methodist,” President and CEO Ron Rooney said. “We know that the high standard of care and personal touch that we strive to provide to each of our patients would not be possible without them,”

Her fellow employees voted Terry Shultz, who works in human resources as AMMC’s Employee of the Year. Nominees for the award were 2007 Employees of the Month.

Fellow managers voted Suzie Carlton, an R.N. in the surgery department as Manager of the Year. Nominations were made by the employees.

Robin Smith, an R.N. in the emergency department was recognized with the award for Suggestion of the Year. Employees are encouraged to submit “bright ideas” to improve processes within all levels of the medical center and employees voted on the best of 2007.

Karen Cooper, an AMMC marketing employee, received the GEM Award from The Foundation. Cooper was awarded the honor for “going the extra mile” for countless hours of work on foundation events.

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Years of service awards also were presented with two employees Suzie Bean and Beverly Reddick, both of whom work in the medical records department being recognized for 30 years of service.

Twenty-five year service award recipients included: Johnny Butler, nursing; Dian Marvin, nursing; Sue Mitchell, nursing; and Viola Rogers, ambulatory care.

Twenty-year service award recipients included: Becky Brietz, Rehab ; Shelley Cornelison, radiology; Felicia Hartsfield, cardiopulmonary; Kim Nelson, rehab; and Nancy Simpson, nursing.

Ten AMMC employees received awards for 15 years of service, 16 employees received awards for 10 years of service and 32 employees were recognized for five years of service.

A recognized health care leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould is a state-of-the-art nonprofit institution providing world-class medical services and compassionate care to residents throughout the Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri region. Additional information about AMMC is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.

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Cutline: (left to right) Arkansas Methodist Medical Center President/CEO Ron Rooney presents Terry Shultz of Rector the employee of year award during the medical center's 42nd annual Employee Service Awards Banquet held Thursday night at Paragould's Atkins Celebration Hall.