

## Rome Memorial Hospital Employees Honored During National Hospital Week

ROME (May 20, 2004) – Five Rome Memorial Hospital clinical, non-clinical and supervisory staff were selected by their colleagues as the outstanding employees of 2003, announced president and CEO Darlene Burns, RN, MS. They were honored during *National Hospital Week*, which runs from May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's *National Hospital Week* theme was "Miracles Start With Caring Hearts." Those who were honored are:

- Christopher Marrello, Building Services and Eric Ringrose, Plant Operations, as **Non-Clinical Employees of the Year**;
- Diana Hollins, Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, **Clinical Employee of the Year**;
- Regina Chambers, Personnel, **Non-Clinical Supervisor of the Year**;
- Kim Weiler, RN, **Clinical Supervisor of the Year**.

"The hospital acknowledges clinical and non-clinical employees on a monthly basis who represent the traits of courtesy, attitude, respect and enthusiasm," said Burns. "The entire hospital staff then chooses the clinical and non-clinical employees of the year." Of the 1,019 hospital employees, 317 employees were nominated for Employee of the Month in 2003.

Non-clinical and clinical supervisors are recognized for their leadership qualities and voted on by Rome Memorial Hospital employees for the Supervisor of the Year award as well, said Burns.

"The hospital recently began an initiative called 'Quality by Design' which focuses on providing excellent service to our patients, their families and our peers," said Burns. "Our awards program is just one way that we strive to acknowledge employees who provide excellent customer service." In addition, the hospital celebrates its employees during *National Hospital Week* by hosting an employee picnic and party.

During *National Hospital Week*, 128 employees were presented with pins for each five years of service. "Combined, these dedicated employees have over 1,595 years of service," said Burns, who noted that two hospital employees in particular deserve special recognition. "Carol Baldygo and Patty Nellenbach have both been with the hospital for over 35 years," she said. "They are a testament to the quality of service that we strive to provide to our patients daily and exemplify the commitment and care that are the trademarks of Rome hospital employees."

### Honorable Mention – Clinical Employees of the Year

Merritt Boucher, RN, Operation Room; Wayne Kegley, RT, Cardiopulmonary; Patty Heffner, 2 North; Julie King, LPN, Emergency Department; Karen Martin, RN, Senior Behavioral Health; Ellie McCormick, PCT, 2 East; Rick Simpson, RN, CCRN, Education; Becky Mix, RN, 2 North; Pat Taylor, Laboratory; and Margaret Scheiderich, Social Services.

### **Honorable Mention – Non-Clinical Employees of the Year**

Patty Box, Physical Therapy; Heather Edick, Patient Registration; Ralph Matteson, Building Services; Bob Euson, Building Services; Karen Sobel, Food & Nutrition; Tammy Tummons, Transcription; Juanita Thomas, Medical Imaging; Kelly Walker, Purchasing; Jim Traub, Building Services; and Kerry White, Building Services.

### **Honorable Mention – Supervisors of the Year**

Gale Barone, RN, BS, Education; Kathy Brodt, RPH, Retail Pharmacy; Shirley Cummings, RN, Perioperative Services; Lori Decker, MSW, CSW, Social Services; Teri Kehoe, OTR/L, Physical Therapy; Mary Lou Kunkle, RN, CRRN, Acute Rehabilitation; Kathy Lee, RPH, Pharmacy; Josh Porte, Medical Imaging; Elaine Richmond, ADC, Residential Health Care; Amy Weakley, RTT, Radiation Oncology; Joan Whipple, RN, 2 East; Larry Giardino, Materials Management; Donna Goodman, CEH, Building Services; Liz Nadeau, Food and Nutrition; Christopher Shope, Finance; Gail VanEtten, REH, Building Services; and Sheila Yacobucci, Food and Nutrition.