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Pardee presents Guiding Light Awards

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital recently presented Guiding Light Awards to Gayle Sams and Marvin Martin. The Guiding Light Award recognizes hospital directors who demonstrate excellence in leadership. Directors are nominated by their associates to receive the award.

Sams is known among her staff for offering support and encouragement to everyone. She encourages her staff to attend classes in pursuit of higher education. Her associates say she motivates them to always strive for improvement and that she is a good role model because she maintains her certifications and strives to improve her knowledge as well. Associates say that Sams always asks if there is anything she can do for them by offering training, or making sure they have the most up-to-date equipment. She manages several different departments including the emergency department and intensive care unit.

A Guiding Light was also awarded in honor of Marvin Martin. Martin had been the director of engineering since June 2004. During this tenure, he has been held with the highest regard and respect as a leader within the organization and throughout the state of North Carolina. Martin's ability to work closely with other departments in effort to

improve efficiencies, aesthetics of the workplace/unit, and the general improvement for the leadership development within Pardee is felt throughout the organization. Throughout the state, Martin has been able to make positive impressions with the N.C. Hospital Association and the Department of Health and Human Services. He was well respected among both his peers and the associates who worked with him.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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