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Kentucky Hospital Association Presents Quality Awards

LOUISVILLE, KY – (May 23, 2017) The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) held its yearly Awards Luncheon on May 19, as part of the 88th Annual KHA Convention in Lexington. During the event, six hospitals from across the state were recognized with KHA Quality Awards. This award is presented to honor hospital leadership and innovation in quality, safety and commitment in patient care.

This year's recipients were:

- **Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital**, in Irvine, for their work in LEAN Management and Rapid Improvement Events;
- **Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center**, in Leitchfield, for their use of a patient safety partner in implementing a discharge follow-up call system to collect data and prevent unnecessary readmissions;
- **Frankfort Regional Medical Center**, in Frankfort, for using an innovative approach in managing COPD patients across the continuum of care;
- **Norton Women's and Children's Hospital**, in Louisville, for studying the impact of music therapy on babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome;
- **Our Lady of Peace**, in Louisville, for creating an on-site program for equine therapy with community partner support; and
- **Continuing Care Hospital**, in Lexington, for their implementation of an innovative antibiotic stewardship program.

These six hospitals demonstrated not only a dedication to patient safety, but their persistence to going above and beyond what is expected for providing quality care.

The goals of this award are to:

- Raise awareness of the need for an organization-wide commitment to highly reliable, exceptional quality, patient-centered care
- Reward successful efforts to develop and promote improvements in quality of care

- Inspire organizations to systematically integrate and align their quality improvement efforts throughout the organization
- Communicate successful programs and strategies to the hospital field
- Facilitate Kentucky hospitals' alignment of quality initiatives with national initiatives

About the Kentucky Hospital Association: KHA was established in 1929. The Association represents hospitals, related health care organizations and integrated health care systems dedicated to sustaining and improving the health status of the citizens of Kentucky. The Association is headquartered in Louisville.

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