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United Hospital District Honors 37 Employees
Annual Luncheon Celebrates Milestone Anniversaries

Blue Earth, MN – May 12, 2022 – United Hospital District (UHD) recognized 37 employees celebrating five and 10-year work anniversaries at their annual Service Recognition Luncheon, held at Average Jo’s Restaurant. The 2022 honorees account for a combined 480 years of service. UHD CEO Rick Ash, who emceed the event, noted that UHD’s success as a patient-focused organization is due in large part to the commitment shown by these employees.

2022’s longest serving employee is **Ronda Dahl, RN**, who is celebrating her 45th year at UHD. Ronda has worked in nearly every nursing department at UHD since she first started in 1977, including Operating Room, Medical/Surgical, Emergency Room, Obstetrics and Special Care Unit. She’s also the staff representative on UHD Foundation Board and served as Nurse Manager for 20+ years before returning to nursing care, where her passion lies. Registered Nurse Jamie Ringness, who succeed Dahl as Nurse Manager, noted, “Ronda’s feet may be little but those are actually huge shoes to fill.”

At the 30 year mark, **IT Specialist Mary Hynes** was recognized for having implemented many dramatic technological changes during her tenure as IT manager. Current IT Manager Ivan Marte noted that since Mary came onboard in 1982, UHD has grown from a single hospital building with only three personal computers and no internet to a multi-campus organization with well over 1,000 electronic devices and a secure electronic medical record system supported by a large network of software programs and robust internet security.

The remaining honorees were each noted for their service, which included five, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year milestones. The UHD Service Recognition Luncheon is a longstanding annual tradition that began more than 30 years ago. During the event, UHD managers and senior administrators award jewel-themed pins representing the different milestone years – Ruby for five years, Sapphire for 10 years, Emerald for 15 years and Diamond for 20 years or more. Employees with 25 or more years of service are also given gifts from their managers.

UHD is pleased to recognize all of the following employees for their many years of service to our healthcare organization:

Employee	Years of Service
Dahl, Ronda	45 years
Hynes, Mary	30 years
Monson, Susan	25 years
Van Kley, Craig	25 years
Beyer, Stacey	20 years
Larson, Susan	20 years
Hull, Amy	20 years
Storbeck, Melissa	20 years
Shure, Jamie	20 years
Goodrich, Julie	20 years
Helmstetter, Chad	15 years
Meyers, Nicole	15 years
O'Hara, Angie	15 years
Cone, Karen	15 years
Haugh, Melissa	15 years
Miller, Tammy	15 years
Sanders, Amy	15 years
Schuett, Tara	15 years
Haugh, Tharen	10 years
Koenig, Jenna	10 years
Worden, Justin	10 years
Wong, Alex	10 years
Coxworth, Tara	5 years
Meier, Matthew	5 years
Gran, Christopher	5 years
Kuhns, Andrea	5 years
Lackey, Dezeray	5 years
Madsen, Brenda	5 years
McCarty, Debra	5 years
Volsen, Darci	5 years
Ware, Janice	5 years
Wirth, Lisa	5 years
Vriesen, Sharon	5 years
Werner, Emily	5 years
Giesking, Amanda	5 years
Paul, Dayna	5 years
Byykkonen, Sarah	5 years

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(PHOTOS ATTACHED)



UHD's Ronda Dahl, RN, who is celebrating 45 years at UHD.



IT Specialist Mary Hynes has worked at UHD for 30 years.