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**United Hospital District Board Member Receives Trustee of the Year Award**  
*Larry Anderson Awarded*

**Blue Earth, MN – September 22, 2023** – United Hospital District and Clinics (UHD) is pleased to announce today that UHD Board Member Larry Anderson has been awarded the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) Trustee of the Year Award for 2023. UHD’s Chief Executive Officer, Rick Ash, has accepted the award on Anderson’s behalf.

The MHA’s Trustee of the Year Award honors a board member of a hospital or health system who has contributed significantly to the health of the community by providing leadership and guidance to the hospital or health system board. Judgement for the award is based on the following criteria: Assistance with hospital design and delivery of services or programs significant to the health and welfare of the community, the providing of leadership at the local, state, or federal level in initiating and promoting cooperative programs among community members, and demonstration of leadership or involvement in the field of hospital governance.

In a statement expressing his gratitude for the award, Anderson said, “I am deeply honored to be recognized and chosen for the MHA Trustee of the Year Award. I want to say how important it is to develop your trustees and get them to serve wherever their gifts and talents are best suited. They can be your strongest voice for your hospitals, communities, and beyond. I’m especially grateful to MHA for the work they’ve done to help develop, engage, prepare, and provide resources to the many trustees who serve our organizations and communities.”

Larry Anderson was first elected to the UHD Hospital board in 1984. Throughout his tenure, he has held various UHD trustee positions, including Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. He has served on many committees, agencies, and community groups since then. Whether at a local, county, state, or even national level, he has always been a voice for rural healthcare. Nationally, he has also served on the AHA Region 6 Policy Board for several years.

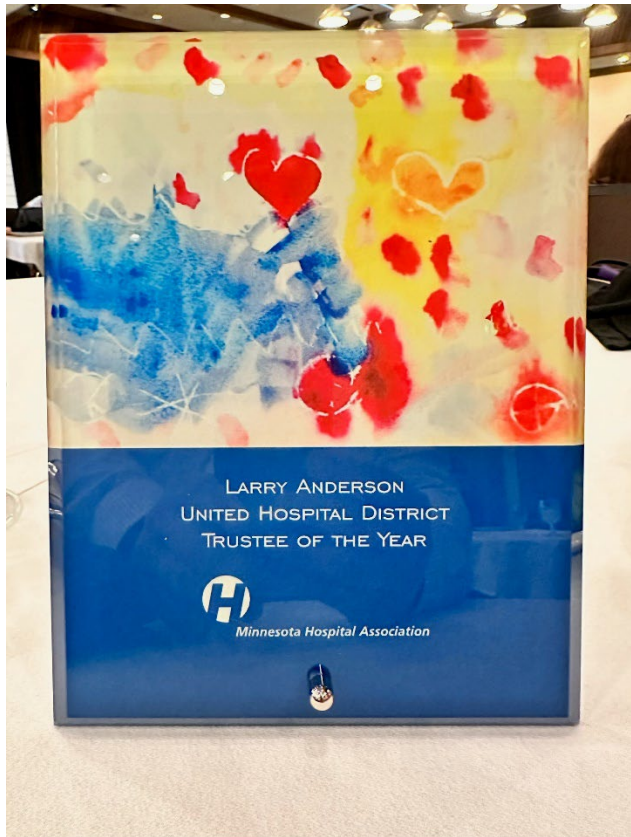
**About UHD:**

United Hospital District ([www.uhd.org](http://www.uhd.org)), based in Blue Earth, MN, is an independent system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and a home health/hospice care program, all supported by a 25-plus multi-specialty provider group with three clinic locations across two counties. UHD was recognized as a 2023 Best Small Hospital Under 25 Beds and a 2022 Top 200 Workplace in Minnesota.

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*Larry Anderson, UHD Board of Directors*



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