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Myra McClead (right) accepts the St. Joseph's Hospital Spirit Award from Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl at the Hospital's annual service awards dinner.



Myra McClead is the 2010 Spirit Award Winner for St. Joseph's Hospital

--McClead surprised at Hospital's Annual Service Awards dinner--

Parkersburg, WV - St. Joseph's Hospital is proud to announce that this year's Annual Spirit Award Winner is Myra McClead. The Spirit Award is the Hospital's top employee recognition award and is named in honor of the Sisters of St. Joseph who, motivated by their love and dedication to serving the sick of our community, founded St. Joseph's Hospital over 109 years ago.

Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl, Vice President of Mission and Ethics at the Hospital, announced the winner at Thursday evening's Annual Service Award Banquet. "Myra has a sincere and friendly attitude evident to all who come in contact with her," said Kreyenbuhl. "She has earned respect not only from her peers and coworkers, but also the physicians and the patients with whom she comes in contact. In her day to day interactions Myra is a wonderful representative of the mission and values of St. Joseph's Hospital and truly exemplifies the Spirit of St. Joseph's."

Myra began her career at St. Joseph's in 1987 as a nurse in the Emergency Department. "As an ED nurse, she is one of the front line employees that our patients interact with when they come to our Emergency Department hurt, scared and unsettled. She exhibits the values of the hospital in all that she does and I am proud to have her as a part of the St. Joseph's family," said Jill Parsons, VP of Marketing at St. Joseph's, in her letter nominating Myra for the Spirit Award.

"Myra is the epitome of a caring and compassionate nurse," explained Parsons, "She has a beautiful personality and warm smile that can calm anyone's fears, but also a resilient nature for those that need comforting and assurance that everything's being taken care of."

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