ASSOCIATION FOR THE HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT

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AHE Presents 2016 Recognition Awards

Chicago, October 7, 2016 – The Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE), of the American Hospital Association, has announced the recipients of the 2016 Recognition Awards for excellence in caring for the environment, volunteer service, mentorship and environmental sustainability.

Phoenix Award sponsored by AF&S Products & Services, Inc.: The highest honor bestowed upon an AHE member, the Phoenix Award was presented to Fiona Nemetz, MS, CHESP, Director of EVS, Safety and Security Northside Hospital, for her unparalleled service and contributions to the advancement of AHE, for exceptional leadership and for demonstration of quality and excellence in the profession.

Heart of Healthcare Sponsored by Kimberly Clark Professional: Jean Williams, Fairfield Medical Center Lancaster, Ohio was awarded the Heart of Healthcare Award.

James Wolfbrandt Award: Weston Thiss, PCSI Austin, TX was awarded the James Wolfbrandt Award

Environmental Services Department of the Year Sponsored by SCA:
The Environmental Services (ES) Department of the Year Award provides national recognition for the significant contributions made by an environmental services department to overall patient experience and achieving a health care organization's mission. This year recipients were:

- ES Department of the Year Award: 6-199 beds: Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover, N.H.; 200-500 beds: Gundersen Health, La Crosse, Wisc.
- ES Department of the Year Certificates of Merit: 6-199 beds: Montrose Memorial Hospital, Montrose, Colo. and Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay, Ohio; 200-500 beds: Harborview Medical Center, Seattle; Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, Vancouver, Wash.; and Nemours Children's Health System, Wilmington, DE.

Sponsor Recognition
Ecolab – 10 years
Network Services Company – 5 years
Rubbermaid Commercial Products – 15 years
Encompass, LLC – 10 years
Greater Philadelphia AHE – 15 years

All awards were presented at EXCHANGE in Pittsburgh, PA.