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**FOR RELEASE ON July 18, 2018****AHE Presents 2018 Environmental Services Department of the Year Award**

CHICAGO, July 18, 2018 - The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), of the American Hospital Association, has announced the recipients of the 2018 Environmental Services (ES) Department of the Year Award.

The Environmental Services Department of the Year Award provides national recognition for the significant contributions made by an environmental services department to the overall patient experience and achieving a health care organization's mission. It highlights the outstanding achievements of a leading-edge environmental services team in maintaining high levels of performance in cleaning, disinfecting, infection prevention, environmental sustainability and stewardship, use of technology, patient satisfaction, education, and training in critical areas.

This year's recipients of the ES Department of the Year Award are:

- 1-249 beds: Jane Philips Medical Center/St. Johns Health System -- Bartlesville, Oklahoma
- 250-499 beds: Children's Medical Center – Dallas, Texas
- 500+ beds: Memorial Medical Center -- Springfield, Illinois

AHE has bestowed Honorable Mentions upon the following:

- 1-249 beds: Wentworth-Douglass Hospital – Dover, New Hampshire
- 250-499 beds: Woman's Hospital – Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 500+ beds: New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center – New York, New York
- 500+ beds: Hackensack University Medical Center – Hackensack, New Jersey

All awards will be presented at EXCHANGE 2018 September 23-26 in Columbus, Ohio.

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