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AHE Presents 2021 Environmental Services Department of the Year Award

CHICAGO, August 12, 2021 - The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), of the American Hospital Association, together with Tork, have announced the recipients of the 2021 Environmental Services (EVS) 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 cutting-edge environmental services team in maintaining high levels of performance in cleaning, disinfecting, infection prevention, environmental sustainability and stewardship, technology use, patient satisfaction, education and training in critical areas.

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

- 250-499 Beds: Geisinger Community Medical Center – Pittson, Pa.
- 500+ beds: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital/Cottage Health – Santa Barbara, Calif.

This year's honorable mentions are:

- 250-499 beds: CaroMont Regional Medical Center – Gastonia, N.C.
- 500+ beds: Sutter Medical Center Sacramento – Sacramento, Calif.

“This year was particularly challenging for environmental service professionals due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said AHE President Brad Winne. “Every year, our award judges review highly qualified applicants; however, this year they were especially impressed with the volume of innovative EVS teams who had to create new ways to enhance their performance and remain focused on environmental sustainability and stewardship.”

There were no recipients this year for the under 250 bed category. All award recipients will be recognized in the September issue of Health Facilities Management magazine and at the AHE Health Care Leadership and Preparedness Symposium October 31-November 3 in Orlando, Fla.

AHE would like to thank Tork, an Essity brand, for sponsoring the 2021 Environmental Services Department of the Year Award.

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The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE) is a Professional Membership Group of the American Hospital Association. AHE is the professional organization of choice for professionals responsible for caring for the patient and resident care environment across all care settings; including hospitals, long term care, continuing care retirement communities and ambulatory care. AHE shapes professional practice, advances and promotes the profession and promotes awareness for over 2,300 professionals working to ensure a clean and safe health care environment and quality outcomes. www.ahe.org