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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****The Association for the Health Care Environment Presents its 2023 Phoenix Award**

**Chicago, August 8, 2023** – The Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA), announced the recipient of the 2023 Phoenix Award.

First awarded in 1987, the Phoenix Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an AHE member. The Phoenix Award recognizes a professional who has made an unselfish, lasting impact and outstanding contributions to the growth and professionalism of AHE, the membership, and to the advancement of AHE and environmental services. Phoenix recipients are selected by the AHE Advisory Board.

The 2023 Phoenix Award was presented to Patti Costello, MT-CHEST, MT-CSCT at #EXCHANGE23, AHE's Conference and Solution Center in Dallas, Texas. "She is the very definition of the Phoenix Award Winner. Nobody in this country has done more for this industry than her", said AHE Chair, Rock Jensen. "Patti has touched the lives of so many in our industry to enhance their personal and professional lives and is always available to assist anyone in need," Executive Committee member, Eric Nowak said in his nomination for the award.

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**About AHE**

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 advances members' ability to establish and maintain care environments free of environmental surface contamination and support safety, service, and efficient and effective operations. [www.ahe.org](http://www.ahe.org)