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### **Newman Regional Health Celebrates Employee Anniversaries**

(Emporia, KS) — On September 19, 2019, Newman Regional Health recognized a combined 625 years of service with a celebration honoring more than 50 employees at the Emporia Country Club. Each year, Newman Regional Health recognizes staff members that have been with the organization for a milestone number of years.

Tabatha Tafoya, Director of Human Resources, acknowledges this event as a vital piece of employee retention and recruitment. “Employees are celebrated for each incremental anniversary milestone they reach and each milestone represents five years of service. It’s important as an organization to recognize our hard working employees that contribute to the 40+ different departments we have. Not only are we recognizing them for the work they do every day, but we are bringing awareness to their dedication and their passion. Newman Regional Health is what it is today because of these individuals.”

Director of Business Development, McKenzie Cinelli, speaks on other benefits of the event. “Not only are we congratulating our employees during this time, but through this event, we are enabling our employees to become closer with one another. They get an opportunity to converse with so many from outside their own departments. It’s neat to see a large group like this come together to support and congratulate one another. There’s no doubt that it increases employee morale and creates excitement among all other staff.”

The Newman Regional Health STAR (Standards, Awards, and Recognitions) Committee is responsible for the planning of this event. McKenzie mentions that none of this would have been possible without that group and their commitment to the employees, organization, and work environment. “They have a passion for making Newman Regional Health a workplace of choice, for both current and prospective employees”, said Cinelli.

The following individuals reached their incremental milestone anniversary during the 2018 year:

#### **5 Years**

Janet Ackerman  
Julene Acuna  
Tara Aucoin  
Billie Austin  
Stacey Battenfield  
Darcy Darbro  
Deanna Duncan  
Jennifer Esau  
Christina Farr  
Carma Gifford  
Samantha Grother  
Juli Heitman

Bryce Heitman  
Sarah Henderson  
Whitney Hensley  
Amanda Janzen  
Brian Jones  
Kyle Markowitz  
Sherri Meyer  
Michal Schrader  
Angela Speece  
Ryan Sutton  
Lacy Thexton  
Samantha Tovar



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**10 Years**

Cyrele Clausen  
Elveanna Crabtree  
Ashley Edwards  
Chelsea Felts  
Lauralee Hearn  
Leana Kirby  
Twyla Owen  
Marta Solis  
Amanda Steffes

**15 Years**

Becky Ballinger  
Shirley Beckman  
Brian Council  
Cindy Fowler  
Kaylene Leek  
Marla McClellan  
Teresa Rinker  
Leanna Schmidt

Arie Williams

**20 Years**

Wilma Malone  
Mandy Mercer

**25 Years**

Kristina Adams  
Lisa Ayer  
Joan Blits  
Gina Slayden

**30 Years**

Patricia Alingh  
Bernadette Rahe

**35 Years**

Rebecca Wheeler  
Jamilyn White

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**About Newman Regional Health:** Newman Regional Health is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital owned by the citizens of Lyon County, Kansas. Recognized as a Level 4 Trauma Center, Newman Regional Health provides inpatient acute and medical rehabilitation services along with a full range of emergency and outpatient care to patients of all ages in Lyon County and surrounding areas in East Central Kansas. Newman Regional Health offers 24/7 care with a newly renovated, state-of-the-art 19-bed emergency room and 10-bed Clinical Decision Unit. With a mission to improve health in the community by providing high quality care and a vision to be a valued, trusted partner and regional provider of exemplary services, Newman Regional Health receives recognition as a top Critical Access Hospital each year.