FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 23, 2019

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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5 Years</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Janet Ackerman</td>
<td>Bryce Heitman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Julene Acuna</td>
<td>Sarah Henderson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tara Aucoin</td>
<td>Whitney Hensley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Billie Austin</td>
<td>Amanda Janzen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stacey Battenfield</td>
<td>Brian Jones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Darcy Darbro</td>
<td>Kyle Markowitz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deanna Duncan</td>
<td>Sherri Meyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer Esau</td>
<td>Michal Schrader</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christina Farr</td>
<td>Angela Speece</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carma Gifford</td>
<td>Ryan Sutton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samantha Grother</td>
<td>Lacy Thexton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Juli Heitman</td>
<td>Samantha Tovar</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Newman Regional Health
Business Development & Marketing
1201 West 12th Avenue
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 343-6800 x2524
www.newmanrh.org

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

20 Years
Arie Williams
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

# # #

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.