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Southwestern Medical Center Recognizes and Honors Employees and Volunteers at Annual Awards Ceremony

Southwestern Medical Center awarded 69 employees and 16 volunteers from various departments throughout the hospital and the Behavioral Health Center for their hard work and commitment to Southwestern Medical Center and its patients. Managers from each department presented their employees a certificate based on the number of years employed, starting with 5 years ranging up to 30 years of service. Volunteers also received a certificate for their hours of service. They have accumulated and volunteered more than 104,000 hours over the past 30 years. Employees and volunteers were both recognized at the 2007 Service Awards banquet, which is traditionally held during the annual Christmas Party. This is the first year the employees and volunteers were honored during a separate celebration on September 15th at the Best Western in Lawton. Southwestern Medical Center's CEO, Jon O'Shaughnessy, congratulates the employees and volunteers by saying "Thank you for your individual contributions to the Hospital. Collectively, your efforts are routinely recognized by our patients, physicians and management as demonstrated thru the countless number of letters and cards

Administration receives from our customers.” This year’s Service Award was a success and Southwestern Medical Center looks forward to honoring its employees and volunteers next year.

About Southwestern Medical Center

Southwestern Medical Center, a member of Capella Healthcare’s family of hospitals, is a 199-bed hospital serving Comanche County and Southwest Oklahoma. Accredited by the Joint Commission and a winner of a 2006 HealthStream Research Excellence through Insight Award for Excellence in Outpatient Satisfaction. Southwestern Medical Center has a long history of serving the community with quality healthcare and the latest technology. For more information, please visit www.swmconline.com.