Two QHR Management Clients Celebrate "Trustee of the Year" Wins

Gritman Medical Center and Rhea Medical Center Leaders Honored by Modern Healthcare

Brentwood, Tenn. (PRWEB) February 23, 2009 -- B.J. Swanson, chairman of the Board of Trustees at Gritman Medical Center in Moscow, Idaho, and Bob Carty, former board member at Rhea Medical Center in Dayton, Tennessee, have been presented 2009 Trustee of the Year awards by Modern Healthcare. The awards were announced in this week's issue of Modern Healthcare. Mr. Carty's award is being given posthumously.

"These awards are significant because they celebrate excellence in healthcare governance, which is critical to a hospital's success," said QHR President and CEO James L. Horrar. "That B.J. and Bob were chosen from a field of 64 trustees, representing hospitals of varying sizes nationwide, says so very much about their dedication to and love for their respective hospitals."

B.J. Swanson has been a member of Gritman Medical Center's 10-member board of trustees since 1984. She was named board chair in 2001 and since then has guided the hospital through a series of changes and challenges, including the hospital's conversion to critical access hospital status in 2004, a debilitating flood in 2007, and, most recently, an $18 million new hospital expansion project.

"It's been my privilege and honor to have worked with B.J. during my nine years as president and CEO of Gritman Medical Center. Our hospital enjoys a favorable reputation throughout this region, and much of the reason for this is B.J. and her leadership," said hospital President and CEO Jeff Martin. "We are so excited and proud to see her recognized in this special way."

Bob Carty served on the board of trustees at Rhea Medical Center for nearly 20 years. He was chairman of the Finance/Strategic Planning Committee from 1991 until the time of his death in April 2008.

"Bob was a brilliant professional with a great community spirit; a fine Christian man," said Rhea Medical Center CEO Kenneth Croom. "He put all of his energy into hospital issues, even though it became more and more difficult for him to participate. He was a wonderful man and a great friend."

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