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BOTHWELL NAMES NURSE OF THE YEAR, AWARDS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

SEDALIA, MO – Celia Roasch, RN, infection control nurse in the Resource Management Department, was named Bothwell Regional Health Center's 2011 Nurse of the Year. She was selected from among 11 nurses nominated by their peers for the award, which was announced during the annual Nurses Tea held Thursday, May 12.

"Like most nurses, Celia brings her heart's personal touch to her work," said Debra Howser, vice president and chief nursing officer at Bothwell. "She was selected for being a wonderful mentor, a team player with a great attitude and for being a most compassionate and caring nurse."



Bothwell's Nurse of the Year 2011. Roasch is the infection control nurse in Bothwell's Resource Management Department.

A Bothwell employee for 14 years, Roasch was lauded for creating a good, professional rapport with physicians and following up on their questions or concerns. She was also commended for being mindful of the fact that employees represent Bothwell everywhere they go.

Other Nurse of the Year nominees were Bethany Bulifant, RN, Emergency Department; Katie Case, RN, 2 North; Gloria Dawson, LPN, 3 Southwest; Ann Martin, RN, Cardiac Catheritization Lab; Kristen McCullough, RN, 3 Southwest; Rita Mergen, LPN, Employee Health; Pavel Ogorodnik, RN, Critical Care Unit; Mimi Prenger, RN, Critical Care Unit; Maggie Schaffer, RN, Peer Review; and Rebekah Stone, RN, Endoscopy.

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation also awarded the Pat Gaunt Leadership in Nursing Scholarships during the Nurses Tea. Theila Luetjen, director of Bothwell's Emergency Department, accepted the scholarship. The scholarship will allow three ED nurses to attend the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner training course, which instructs RNs in the examination of sexual assault patients, the collection of evidence and providing emotional support for the patient. The scholarship is funded by the estate of the late Pat Gaunt, a former nurse manager at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 140-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services. More information is available on its website at www.brhc.org.



Theila Luetjen, Emergency Department director, right, accepts the Pat Gaunt Leadership in Nursing Scholarship from Chief Nursing Officer Debra Howser, left, and Bothwell Foundation Director Melia Douglass.