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BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER HONORED FOR PARTICIPATION IN CORNEA DONATION PROGRAM

SEDALIA - Bothwell Regional Health Center was recognized with an Excellence in Eye Donation Award for achieving 47 percent participation in the donation of corneas for transplants.

Justina Barnes, right, partner relations coordinator for Saving Sight, presents the Excellence in Eye Donation award to Bothwell Regional Health Center Chief Executive Officer John Dawes and Chief Nursing Officer Ginny Crow. Bothwell was one of only 30 hospitals honored for continued achievement for the donation of corneas for transplants.

Bothwell was one of only 30 hospitals to receive the award in this region, which includes 260 hospitals across Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. The award was presented Tuesday, Feb. 24, to hospital Chief Executive Officer John Dawes and Chief Nursing Officer Ginny Crow.

“This award is due to the work of our Patient Care Coordinators and all nursing staff who have the delicate conversations with families to consider donating the corneas of their loved ones to help give others the gift of sight,” Crow said.

Donations from Bothwell Regional Health Center patients were directly responsible for giving the gift of sight to 17 people. This is the first year Saving Sight has presented the award.

March is National Eye Donor Month and Bothwell Regional Health Center and Saving Sight are encouraging families to consider becoming donors. To sign up for the donor registry or learn more about becoming a donor, visit donatelife.net.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 145-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopedic, cardiovascular, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell

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