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## BOTHWELL NAMES NURSE OF THE YEAR, AWARDS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

SEDALIA, MO – Kim Perez, RN, charge nurse in the Critical Care Unit, was named Bothwell Regional Health Center's 2012 Nurse of the Year. She was selected from among nine nurses nominated by their peers for the award, which was announced during the annual Nurses Tea held Friday, May 11.

"Kim is a great leader and role model," said Cathy Teter, RN, nursing administration. "She has a persistent and consistent positive attitude toward patients and co-workers. She is not only a team member but also a great team leader who gives 110 percent."

A Bothwell employee for almost 13 years, Perez was lauded for her respect and good communication with the physicians and medical staff. She was also commended for her compassion toward her patients and co-workers, for "always being there for her unit" and her ability to remain calm, cool and collected.

"I am in very good company," said Perez. "I am surrounded by excellent nurses every day. I love my job, I love working for Bothwell and for (supervisor) Rose McMullin. It is an honor and a pleasure."

Other Nurse of the Year nominees were Deborah Anderson, RN, Labor & Delivery; Katie Case, RN, 2 North; Leah Gear, RN, Critical Care Unit; Ashley Holmberg, LPN, Orthopedics; Kristen McCullough, RN, 3 Southwest; Natalie Paxson, RN, Medical Care Evaluation; Beth Richardson, RN, Critical Care Unit; and Brenda Rowland, Orthopedics.

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation also awarded the Pat Gaunt Leadership in Nursing Scholarships during the Nurses Tea. Janice Johnson, an RN in Bothwell's Nursery, and Heike Howe, a nurse aide in the Critical Care Unit, will each receive a \$750 scholarship to further their nursing education. The



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scholarship is funded by the estate of the late Pat Gaunt, a former nurse manager at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

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