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BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

SEDALIA, MO - Bothwell Regional Health Center thanked American Red Cross, Bothwell Auxiliary, Hospice and Chaplain volunteers at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week. About 125 volunteers and friends attended the luncheon at the First United Methodist Church Celebration Center.

Ruth Stratman, right, receives the Ida Hoffman Volunteer of the Year 2013 Award from Bothwell American Red Cross Volunteer Chair Viola Hiatt.

"Our volunteers embody love, compassion and service," said John Dawes, president and chief executive officer of Bothwell Regional Health Center. "Their hands, feet, hearts and smiles are tools of service for people who are suffering, not feeling well and in need of help. They have the magic touch."

One hundred and forty-five Bothwell volunteers who donated a total of 30,145 hours of service to the health center in 2013 received Presidential Service Awards.

Auxilians Virginia McAllister, Joyce Monroe and Barb Ryan were also honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Lifetime Achievement Awards are given to volunteers who have donated more than 4,000 hours over their lifetime.

Ruth Stratman received the Ida Hoffman Volunteer of the Year 2013 Award from the American Red Cross. Stratman volunteered 479 hours of service to the hospital in 2013.

Bothwell Auxiliary President Betty Blackwell, right, congratulates Joyce Monroe after she was named the Marian Tempel Volunteer of the Year 2013.

Joyce Monroe received the Marian Tempel Volunteer of the Year 2013 Award from the Auxiliary. Monroe volunteered 423 hours of service to the hospital in 2013.

The American Red Cross and the Bothwell Auxiliary each nominate members for Volunteer of the Year based on service, character and dedication. Group members then vote to select the volunteers of the year, who are recognized at the annual appreciation luncheon.

“A lot of things are changing and will continue to change at Bothwell as the health-care environment changes. But, the one thing that will never change is our commitment to exceptional patient care,” said Dawes. “As a volunteer, you play a significant part in that care. Our patients and our community benefit greatly from your generous donation of your time and talents. And for that, we thank you.”

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