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Four AnMed Health nurses strike Palmetto Gold

(Anderson, S.C. – April 24, 2014) – The Four AnMed Health nurses were recently recognized among the state’s best. Cynthia Swaney, Brenda Randolph, Martha Stratton and Lynne McCarragher are among the recipients of the 2014 Palmetto Gold Award.

The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program is South Carolina’s only statewide recognition program for nurses from all practice settings. Palmetto Gold selects the top 100 nurses from those who have been nominated to honor during a formal awards ceremony.

With more than 45,000 licensed nurses in South Carolina, it is an honor to be selected as a Palmetto Gold recipient. These nurses have demonstrated excellence in practice and commitment to the profession and have earned the respect of their colleagues and peers.

“Year after year, we see the same attributes in our Palmetto Gold nurses. We see people who have made a tremendous difference in the lives of their patients, co-workers and neighbors,” said Tina Jury, AnMed Health’s executive vice president for Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer. “They are the epitome of what it means to be a dedicated professional nurse caring for the people we serve.”

The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship program is a subcommittee of the South Carolina Nurses Foundation.

The program started in January 2002 with a meeting of nurse leaders. Their goal was to form a statewide nursing recognition program that showcases nurses’ contributions to patient care and raises scholarship fund for students pursuing an RN.

The first Palmetto Gold Gala raised enough money to award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the state’s 23 approved registered nursing programs.

To date, more than \$232,000 in nursing scholarships have been awarded and an endowment was established that now exceeds \$100,000.

AnMed Health is a 690-bed, not-for-profit health system serving the Upstate and northeast Georgia. The system is anchored by AnMed Health Medical Center, a 461-bed acute care hospital. AnMed Health also has a satellite North Campus which includes the AnMed Health Women's and Children's Hospital, the AnMed Health Rehabilitation Hospital, a comprehensive Cancer Center, physician offices and the Cardiac and Orthopedic Center. The health system's network also includes affiliations with Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens, Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, Ga., and Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte. With roughly 500 physicians and more than 3,600 employees, AnMed Health is Anderson County's largest employer. Learn more about us online at www.AnMedHealth.org.

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