American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes St. John Hospital & Medical Center with the 2016 Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award

St. John Hospital & Medical Center, of Detroit, Michigan, was presented the Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award at the American Holistic Nurses Association’s (AHNA) 36th annual conference in Bonita Springs, Florida May 31-June 5, 2016. The Institutional Excellence award recognizes an institution's incorporation of holistic nursing practices demonstrating the core values of holistic nursing and outstanding professionalism. The institution selected will have implemented innovative holistic approaches that will offer substantive advantages to patients, staff and the institution itself.

About St. John Hospital & Medical Center
St. John Hospital is designated as a Children’s hospital & Medical Center with specialties in Pediatric Emergency Services, Pediatric Intensive Care, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care and Level II Special Care Nursery with 1,100 nurses providing care to nearly 30,000 patients and families each year.

Holistic care is ingrained in the building blocks of St. John Hospital, present in the mission statement, vision, nursing philosophy and vision. The intentional start of their holistic journey began in 2005 nurses attending the AHNA national conference in King Prussia, PA, which sparked the passion to deepen their understanding of holistic nursing practice within themselves and the hospital.

In 2007 St. John began a relationship with The BirchTree Center for Healthcare Transformation for formal education and support in creating an internal holistic education program. They opened the first of now 17 Renewal Rooms throughout the hospital that all associates are welcome to find respite and renewal throughout their workday. There are now 55 board certified holistic nurses including the Chief Nursing Officer and most of the Nursing Directors and to date, over 830 nurses from all clinical areas have participated in some aspect of holistic nursing continuing education.

St. John has won several other awards and recognitions including the first Lantern® Award from the Emergency Nurses Association in Michigan, the Beacon Award® from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and are named a Blue Distinction Center in both cardiovascular and orthopedic care by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Blue Care Network.

About AHNA
At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This professional specialty nursing membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic
nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and integrative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 143 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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