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National Hospital Week is May 10-16

GALION – Galion Community Hospital will join the nation in recognizing National Hospital Week sponsored by the American Hospital Association during May 10-16, 2009. This year's theme, "A Healthy Commitment in Changing Times™," acknowledges that hospitals, even in times of economic crisis and change, put patients first.

President and CEO Jerry Morasko is looking forward to his first Galion Community Hospital celebration of the event since recently joining the staff. "I may still be settling in, but I can already tell you about the ongoing dedication of the people here at GCH," he affirmed. "For health care, these are exciting times that present many positive changes including amazing technologies, new medicines and revolutionary discoveries. In addition, patients are getting information in a completely new way. But the one thing that never changes is the commitment of people in healthcare. Our people want the very best for our patients, and that's what they bring to this hospital every day of the year."

"National Hospital Week always includes staff celebration at Galion Community Hospital," commented Becky Miller, MS, RN, and Vice-President of Patient Care. "One of the highlights of the week is our 'Blessing Hands' which will be held on Thursday. On that day, local pastors will be available in the hospital's chapel during the day to bless the hands of all healthcare workers. It's very inspiring." Having been with the facility for nearly 33 years, Miller's career personally illustrates her dedication.

National Hospital Week, the nation's largest health care event, dates back to 1921 when it was suggested by a magazine editor who hoped a community wide celebration would alleviate public fears about hospitals. The celebration, launched in Chicago, succeeded in promoting trust and goodwill among members of the public and eventually spread to facilities across the country.

Traci Oswald, Vice President of Human Resources, stated, "We are extremely proud of each and every member of our staff. We appreciate the tireless efforts of our talented team. National Hospital week provides the opportunity to shine the spotlight in a special way, and to say thank you."

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