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Jennifer Lightsey Named Hospital's Patient Choice Award Winner

Lake Wales – Jennifer Lightsey, L.P.N. was presented with Lake Wales Medical Center's 2008 Patient Choice Award during the hospital's celebration of National Hospital Week.

Lightsey, a nurse in the Progressive Care Unit, was selected from many nurses who were nominated by patients or family members of patients. As the winner, she receives \$500, a plaque, a cookie bouquet, and special recognition at LWMC's annual Employee Cookout at the hospital on Friday, May 16.

Sixteen separate families and patients nominated Lightsey for the award.

A woman whose father was hospitalized wrote, "She took such excellent care of him. But even more than that, she sensed other burdens he carried in addition to his medical problems and sought out ways to help him cope with the changes in his life...This just shows what a warm, compassionate person she is."

Another wrote: "I don't know if you all realize how lucky you are to have such a jewel. She's loyal, hardworking and a sure pleasure to be around. If I owned a hospital, I would be very happy and considered very lucky to have her work for me.

Others commented: "Such a caring and wonderful person. Always wearing a smile, and can get one out of you. Most of all, she is very concerned about your progress."

"She has a great bedside manner."

“She’s always cheerful and willing to help.”

“A smile all day. A smile all the time.”

“Very compassionate.”

“Very helpful and courteous. An asset for the hospital.”

Lee Clack, Chief Nursing Officer at LWMC, presented the award to Lightsey.

“Jennifer Lightsey personifies the compassion and quality care we strive to always provide at Lake Wales Medical Center,” Clack said. “It’s gratifying to see that our patients and families took the time to recognize her efforts and nominate her for this award. It’s difficult to spot one nurse when there are so many nurses in our hospital doing such an incredible job caring for our patients. We had nominations for many of our nurses, which speaks volumes about the quality of patient care our nurses are always delivering, each and every day.”

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