



Redmond EMS Named Georgia's Service of the Year



Redmond Emergency Medical Services was named Georgia's 2009 EMS Service of the Year at the annual Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services awards banquet. Redmond EMS was chosen from 15 other regional nominees within the state.

This is the first time Redmond EMS has received the statewide Service of the Year award. In March Redmond

EMS was named Service of the Year for Region 1, an honor previously held in 2004.

The statewide award is given annually to an EMS provider that exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to the community. Services submit an application and letter to apply for the award

Factors taken into consideration for the award include:

- Progress and changes in the service
- Benefit to the Community
- Employee Satisfaction
- Response Times
- Ingenuity
- Coverage

Additionally, Redmond EMS had no violations of EMS rules and passed inspections with flying colors.

"I was blown away when they announced Redmond received the award." says Redmond EMS Director Robert Early. "This is the highest honor we can receive within Georgia. I am so proud of my staff. None of this could have happened without their dedication to the health and safety of our community."

Redmond EMS is now in the running for the National Service of the Year Award which will be announced late fall.

Redmond EMS was established in 1989 and has continued to grow to serve the community. Currently the service includes four 24-hour ambulances, one 12-hour ambulance, one non-emergency transport van and three back-up ambulances.



Nurse's Week



Terri Aaron received the Nurse Director of the Year Award.

On Thursday, May 7th, Redmond held the annual Nurses' Week Reception in celebration of the 500 plus nurses on staff at the hospital. Three awards were given; Professionalism in Nursing Award, Nurse Director Award and the Heart of Nursing Award. Of the many excellent nominations that had been received, three winners were chosen.

Terri Aaron, Director of Infection Control, was named Nurse Director of the Year: **Sabrina Giles, Second Floor RN** received the HEART of Nursing Award and **Jo Brown, an RN in the Observation Unit** received the Professionalism in Nursing for 43 years of service in nursing.

Congratulations to all of our award winners and nominees. We are blessed to have such an excellent team of nurses here at Redmond.

GEORGIA HOSPITAL HEROES

It's time to begin working on your nominations for GHA's Hospital Hero Awards. The award is given to 11 exceptional individuals across Georgia whose exemplary leadership and dedication have significantly enhanced patient care, our organization, and our community. Nominees are judged on their exceptional commitment to the values of their hospital and healthcare in general. Contributions of employees must exceed expectations and go above and beyond what is expected of them in their professional roles in support of the hospital. Outstanding leadership, innovation, compassion, and caring are other attributes considered during judging. There are two areas you can nominate an associate in that are described on the nomination form.

Any Redmond associate fitting these criteria can be nominated for this award. To submit a nomination, the nomination form must be completed and accompanied by a narrative of 750 words or less explaining why the nominee deserves this award. A testimonial letter may also be included. Anyone can submit a nomination and the forms can be found at www.gha.org or in the Marketing Department on the Lower Level. All nominations must be turned in to Lisa Brown by **Friday, September 1 at 5:00 p.m.** For more information visit www.gha.org. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 706-802-3732.

Renée Blackburn Named GREAT Ambassador



Renée Blackburn, RN, of Employee Health was named GHA's GREAT Ambassador for Redmond Regional Medical Center. The GREAT (Giving Recognition for Excellence, Advocacy and Teamwork) Ambassador Employee Recognition Program was developed to recognize healthcare professionals throughout the state who have shown a commitment to their hospital, patients and profession. Renée was the perfect fit for these requirements.

Renée is a dedicated nurse and mother with a heart for the sick, children and people in general. She has worked in the Pediatric/Neonatal field and has served as a foster mother. Now as an Employee Health nurse, she revels in her position of caring for those who care for others.

Renée says, "I am truly convinced that not only should nurses treat people holistically, just being a nurse holistically satisfies."

Congratulations to Renée for this excellent achievement!

Hospital Week 2009

Redmond Associates enjoyed a variety of activities mid-May in honor of hospital week. As a thank you to associates, an event was held each day in honor of the hard work that is done year round. Associates enjoyed ice cream sundaes, popcorn, doughnuts and a picnic complete with food from The Varsity, dancing and a dunk booth. Redmond hopes all associates enjoyed hospital week! A few pictures from the festivities that took place at the hospital week picnic are shown below.



Buy, Sell, or Trade:

- **For Sale:** Two white baby beds with mattresses \$100 each; One white changing table \$40; Oak bow front curio cabinet \$125; Pie safe cabinet \$75. Call Kris 770-748-5969
- **For Sale:** 99 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie edition, Extended Cab 4X4 loaded V8, 76+K miles, Call Steve 770-748-5969, \$7200 OBO.
- **For Sale:** 42" Murray riding mower; \$450. Needs new belt, but starts and runs great. Honda CRX 50 dirt bike; \$800. Low hours, excellent condition. Call 404-277-2363.
- **Free to a Good Home:** 3 - Persian mix kittens to good homes. 2 little grey & white girls & 1 black white tail tipped boy. Call Aaron or Grady at 706-234-8690 or 706-232-1584.
- **For Sale:** Pyreneese pups, now taking reservations. Litter is due in June to Zsa-Zsa and Petie. Call Sophia at 706-676-7942.
- **Wanted to Buy:** Baby bed w/mattress, stroller, car seat, and/or changing table in good condition. Call 770-608-6152.
- **For Sale:** 5.95 acres on Shiflett Road in Floyd County with 732+ feet road frontage. Will finance. Call 706-266-0286.
- **For Sale:** 2004 Yamaha Roadstar, 7950 miles Silverado package, cobra pipes, crash bar, leather bags, lots of extras. In excellent condition. Asking \$9500. Call 706-857-7277.
- **For Sale:** One large power wheelchair and one regular size power wheelchair. Both in practically new condition. Asking \$1500 each. Call Sandy at 770-378-7609.
- **Wanted to Buy:** Top prices for gold and silver coins-silver dollars, old large currency bills, etc. Interested in most anything with numismatic value. Call Willie at 706-232-7082.

Save the Dates...



- June 1-2- Scrub Sale Classroom A
- June 4- Employee Forum 7 a.m.- 9 a.m.
- June 8- Cancer Support 6 p.m. CR A
- June 11- Compassionate Friends 7 p.m. CR B
- June 12- AngioScreens Rehab LL
- June 15- Bosom Buddies 6 p.m. CR B
- June 26- Relay for Life, Ridge Ferry Park

Kidz Corner



Congratulations to the Following:

- Peyton Killion Reeder, son of Anne and Dennis Reeder, who was chosen to go through the Order of the Arrow Ordeal for Northwest Georgia Boy Scouts Troop 34.
- Alex Haffly, son of Sheila Cox of 5th floor, graduated from UGA on May 9 with a Bachelors Degree in computer science.
- Hannah Early, daughter of Melanie Early, OPS for making the President's List for the spring semester. She is a student at JSU.
- Lyle Morris, son of Roxie Morris, RN, of the OR, graduated from Model High this year. Lyle will be joining the Marines to serve his country while he acquires his college degree. Lyle is also the nephew of Renee Blackburn of Employee Health.
- Megan Schlicht, daughter of Opal Schlicht, graduated from Georgia Highlands, May 14, 2009 with her Associates degree in nursing.
- Carol Anne, daughter of Lisa Dempsey, on winning All Around First Place in state gymnastics.
- Blake Collis, son of Vicki Patton of the lab, graduated from Gordon Central High School on May 21. He also received recognition of FFA State Degree and from the National Spanish Honor Society.
- Nicholas Miller, son of PJ Miller, of Quality Resources, and Mark Miller graduated from Armuchee High School, May 23rd with honors. He plans to attend Jacksonville State University in Alabama in the fall and major in pre-engineering.
- Bob Dunwoody, son of Paula Dunwoody of Employee Health, graduated with highest honors from Armuchee High School. He is also the salutatorian for his class. Bob also completed an internship at Redmond in the lab.
- Katherine Mobbs, 4th grader at Euharlee Elementary, placed 6th in the Disease Detective Event at the State Science Olympiad competition at Kennesaw State University. Her team placed 2nd overall. There were 64 elementary schools represented at the competition. Katherine is the daughter of Stacey Mobbs of 5th floor.
- Jenna Bennett, a 17 year old junior was crowned Miss Armuchee 2009 at the annual school pageant held April 25th in the Armuchee Auditorium. Jenna is the daughter of Lee and Sherrie Bennett (Outpatient PT).
- Congrats to Leah Early, daughter of Melanie Early, OPS for receiving the High Honor Roll award, Presidential Academic Award and Outstanding Achievement in math and language arts at Coosa Middle School.
- Trent Skinner, son of Darrell and Leah Skinner of wound care, and little brother of Chalee' Skinner of the ER, received Perfect Multiplication Award at Trion Elementary School.
- Katie Stanfield, daughter of Tina and Kerry Autry, sister of Britney Maner, and niece of Traci Ray received many awards for 8th grade graduation including, High Academic Honors, Beta Club, Presidential Academic Excellence Award, Quiz Bowl, Excellence in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies, Teacher's Special Award for Highest Average in Math, Composition, and Highest grade point average in Science.

Accomplishments

- Registration welcomes Darilene Coker, LaDean Lowry, Dora Shropshire, and Sharon Elkins.
- Heidi Lambert on her graduation from nursing school and Renonda Olney for her passing boards.
- Terrence Hight of Central Wide Scheduling graduated from Leadership Rome.

Weddings



Congratulations to the following:

- Callie Carpenter on her upcoming marriage to Kevin Andrews on June 6.
- Stephanie Proctor of Occupational Health and Josh Jenkins who were married at The Governor's House, in Kingston on May 16.



Births:

Congratulations to Carolyn Hicks, of Occupational Health, on the birth of grandsons, Jayson Dale & Branden Earl Johnson, born April 19, 2009.

Condolences:



Sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Ed Lane, who served Redmond as courier and as our cart driver over the last 2 years.
- Tammy Cross on the loss of her mother-in-law, Edna Cross.
- Betty Holtzclaw on the loss of her husband, Kenneth.
- Erna Dobbs on the loss of her husband, Curtis.
- Kenneth Ingram on the loss of his son, Kenneth, Jr.
- Andrew Ballentine on the loss his brother-in-law.
- Janice Knight on the loss of her mother-in-law, Selma Knight.
- Carolyn Flemister on the loss her sister, Joan.
- Condolences to Kevin Luallen on the loss of his father.
- Condolences to Alanna Lumsden on the loss of her mother.

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