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Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Receives Community Appreciation Award

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Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital received the Nevada County Economic Resource Council's Community Appreciation Award on Friday, October 26, 2007, at the Miners Foundry in Nevada City. The Award breakfast was sponsored by Waste Management, which was represented by Mr. Steve Cameron. Presenting the award was Mr. Jeff Johnson, Chairman of the Economic Resource Council, and Mr. Chuck Neeley, President/CEO. Ms. Jan Arbuckle presented a proclamation on behalf of the City of Grass Valley. Receiving the award was Ms. Katherine Medeiros, President/CEO of the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. The Community Appreciation Award honors and recognizes businesses in Nevada County that embody the spirit of the gold rush pioneers through the export of products, technology, or services.

Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital, an affiliate of Catholic Healthcare West, is Nevada County's only acute care facility and has been serving area residents since 1958. Services include acute medical and surgical, emergency, rehabilitation, OB/GYN, and outpatient care as well as providing a Wellness Center for community education. They maintain an ambulance service, Sierra Nevada Home Care and transitional care, plus a Cancer Center which offers radiation and medical oncology for cancer patients. Recently an Occupational Medicine Center was opened to assist the business community and their employees.

SNMH is one of the largest employers in the community, providing more than 800 jobs. The hospital provides tools to educate and increase health awareness through their Web site and the "Ask a Nurse" helpline, and is continually updating and expanding the services they provide. The comfort and care of patients and their families are their primary goals. To insure that these goals are met an ongoing "Peak Performance" customer service program has been instituted.



Pictured (l-r): Jeff Johnson, Kathy Medeiros, Chuck Neeley