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Tracy Bland, L.P.N., left, receives Williamson Medical Center's 2011 Nursing Excellence Award from chief nursing officer Lori Orme, R.N., M.S.H.A., F.A.C.H.E.

Williamson Medical Center bestows Nursing Excellence Award

FRANKLIN, TENN. – Tracy Bland, L.P.N., recently was honored with Williamson Medical Center's 2011 Nursing Excellence Award.

Bland, a 22-year employee who works as a float pool nurse, was given the award based on the criteria of compassion, integrity, trustworthiness, teamwork and knowledge of nursing. She began her career at Williamson Medical Center as a phlebotomist in the Laboratory before transferring to the Critical Care Unit to work nights as a monitor technician. That schedule helped her graduate in 2004 as a licensed practical nurse.

"I worked with so many great nurses and learned so much from them while I was earning my degree," Bland says. "Those nurses were an inspiration to me back then, and I still work with an

inspirational group of nurses at WMC. I certainly am honored to receive this award, especially among so many other deserving nurses.”

As a float pool nurse, Bland is known by her co-workers as a hard worker with strong clinical skills that allow her to work with confidence in all clinical areas as needed.

“Tracy exemplifies professionalism and a positive attitude regardless of where she is assigned in the Medical Center,” says Ashley Perkins, R.N., WMC associate administrator for nursing. “She never hesitates to support her co-workers when the work flow is challenging and can be counted on to help deliver the quality care our patients need and deserve.”

Other nominees for the award included Dawn Allen, C.R.T., (Respiratory Therapy); Karlita Calderon, R.N., B.S.N., (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit); Ginny Cheshire, R.N., B.S.N., (Chest Pain Center); Susan Cragar, R.N., B.S.N., (Surgery); Kamia Davis-Rolle, L.P.N., (Sixth Floor); Melissa Dodson, R.N., (Catheterization Laboratory); Sharon Flowers, R.N., (Day Surgery); Lisa Harger, R.N., (Critical Care Unit); Toni Hendrix, R.N., B.S.N., (Post-Anesthesia Care Unit); Jennifer Hughes, R.N., B.S.N.; Patricia Nelson, R.N., (Obstetrics); Sericea Parker, R.N., (Oncology); Jean Pewitt, L.P.N., (Fifth Floor); Charles Rizzo, R.N., (Joint and Spine Center); Ricky Smithson, R.N., (Emergency Department); and Vicki Sweeney, R.N., (Infection Prevention).

Williamson Medical Center, a 185-bed hospital fully accredited by The Joint Commission, provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care including emergency services, with credentialed physicians in 53 specialties and sub-specialties. The community-focused hospital offers a wide range of wellness services, screenings and classes. For more information about Williamson Medical Center, visit www.williamsonmedicalcenter.org.

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