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### *Frederick Health Names Nurses of the Year Winners announced during Tuesday ceremony*

**Frederick, MD – May 9, 2023**, Frederick Health, the largest healthcare provider in Frederick County, is pleased to announce the Nurses of the Year. Each year, the organization honors two nurses with this award – one in direct patient care and one in indirect care/administrative.

**Marianne Hiles**, a Clinical Nurse Specialist with the Frederick Health Family Center, was named the Indirect Care Nurse of the Year.

As the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Family Center, Hiles is an invaluable member of the Nursing Professional Development and Women and Children's teams. Earlier this year, she was selected as a keynote speaker for the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialist Conference because of her expertise and passionate patient advocate. She drives evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and interprofessional staff and patient education programs so our patients achieve the best possible outcomes. Marianne testified in Annapolis and advocated legislators for improved perinatal resources for patients.

"She is a caring professional and leader who overwhelmingly deserves the Indirect Nurse of the Year award. She is, without a doubt, committed to bringing the best care to patients. Marianne is a passionate champion for nursing and patient safety; I am privileged to be her colleague," said Peggy McNeill, the Director of Nursing Quality and Professional Practice with Frederick Health.

**Amy Vallance**, a Registered Nurse in the hospital's 3B Medical-Surgical Unit, was named the Direct Care Nurse of the Year.

Amy is committed to the well-being of her patients and her team. She is a strong clinical nurse who strives to improve the work environment. Amy motivates the team to do their best through her leadership and enthusiasm. She has excellent critical thinking and communication skills, which makes her an outstanding nurse in the delivery of patient care.

"Amy's can-do attitude and her selflessness in giving her best to her patients and peers is evident to all. She continually goes above and beyond. From creating a team member wall of fame to developing an admission task list to organizing the unit's family room to her active involvement on multiple committees, Amy acts with thoughtfulness, excellence, and passion in everything she does. Amy is amazing to work with and a true example of a stellar nurse!" said Lynn Price, the Department Manager for the Medical Surgical Unit.

### **About Frederick Health**

Frederick Health provides comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Frederick County. The system includes Frederick Health Hospital, Frederick Health Medical Group, Frederick Health Employer Solutions, Frederick Health Home Care, and Frederick Health Hospice. Frederick Health Medical Group is a multi-specialty practice with more than 100 providers, 17 specialties and multiple locations across the county. The system has several ambulatory care locations, the freestanding James M Stockman Cancer Institute, three urgent care locations, and the Frederick Health Village.

With 4,000 team members, Frederick Health provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness services to support its mission to positively impact the well-being of every individual in our community.

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