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Jerrad Swanson selected for Columbus Community Hospital's Caring Kind Award

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Jerrad Swanson was recently selected as the winner of the Caring Kind Award at Columbus Community Hospital (CCH).

The Caring Kind Award is an honor from the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) that recognizes health care employees who go above and beyond to show compassion for patients, and demonstrate a dedication to their job responsibilities and to service excellence.

Each year, hospitals and health care systems select one person from their organization to be recognized at the NHA's annual convention. As CCH's Caring Kind Award recipient, Swanson will be honored during the Caring Kind Awards Luncheon at the 2021 NHA Convention Oct. 22.

Swanson has worked in the maintenance department at CCH for more than 15 years. He was nominated for this award by Jim Frauendorfer, CCH's director of facilities management. Frauendorfer said Swanson is an exemplary employee, and he proved that in spades during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Jerrad was innovative and worked tirelessly to keep our employees and patients safe," Frauendorfer said. "He demonstrated an outstanding ability to manage all the requests thrown at him with a positive, can-do attitude."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Swanson built face shields, set up outdoor huts for the emergency department staff to use for COVID-19 testing and assessment, and led a team that built 13 negative pressure rooms to keep CCH staff safe.

Outside his work with the COVID-19 pandemic, Swanson collaborated with CCH's marketing department to design and construct the hospital's float entry in the Columbus Days parade. He also regularly works with the marketing department to support large community events, such as Go Red for Women for the American Red Cross, and the "Oh Deer the Holidays are Here" holiday celebration.

"He embodies the values of caring, compassion and service excellence, and is very deserving of The Caring Kind Award," Frauendorfer said. "We are so thankful to have him on our team."

For more information on CCH's dedicated employees like Swanson, visit www.columbushosp.org.

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