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**March of Dimes Recognizes Nurses of Southern Nevada  
at  
Sunrise Hospital and Sunrise Children's Hospital**  
*More than 179 nurses nominated for outstanding care*

**LAS VEGAS** – During the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Nurse of The Year event on November 15, March of Dimes honored distinguished Southern Nevada nurses at Sunrise Hospital and Sunrise Children's Hospital. More than 179 nurses and staff from these two facilities were nominated for outstanding quality performance and care in the community.

Winners were selected based on their contributions to nursing through professional, community or personal achievements. Many of the Sunrise and Sunrise Children's Hospital professionals were honored for their work in a variety of medical areas including critical care, general medical and surgical, pediatrics and administration.

Among the Sunrise Hospital winners were Christina Baker for Charge Nurse Specialty; Cecilia Fleming for General Medical/Surgical; Alice Chernich for Nursing Administration; Jennifer Quiner for Pediatric Critical Care; Chris Mariano for Pediatric Nursing and Minta Albiets for Distinguished Nurse.

Runner up's included Jennifer Buitrago for Advanced Practice; Karen Kerkstra for Charge Nurse/General Medical and Surgical; Linda Stacy for Charge Nurse/Specialty; Jane Edelman for Oncology Nursing; Cheryl Hayes for Pediatric Critical Care; Sylvia Neely for Pediatric Nursing; Renee Christensen for Quality and Risk Management, Judi Carrion for Education and Sheila Hiramoto for Women's Health.

**About Sunrise Hospital:**

Now celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center provides the most sophisticated, quality healthcare in Southern Nevada. A Consumer Choice award-winning hospital for 13 consecutive years, the 701-bed acute care facility includes comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services such as The Nevada Neurosciences Institute– the region's first Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center– an ACoS-recognized Comprehensive Cancer Center, an innovative, full-service Breast Center and specialty services in cardiac, women's health, pulmonology, critical care, complex surgery, and rehabilitation, as well as Level-II Trauma and Emergency care. The hospital has invested millions of dollars in obtaining new technologies such as the da Vinci Robotic surgery system, Intraoperative MRI machines, Gamma Knife incision-less brain surgery, and an exclusive Picture Archiving and Communication System designed to assist physicians in retrieving important patient data.

Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center

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**About Sunrise Children's Hospital:**

Sunrise Children's Hospital is a dedicated specialty hospital of 244 beds offering comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services for children and expectant mothers. As Nevada's only dedicated children's hospital, Sunrise employs an expert staff of pediatric physicians including top physicians, specialists and sub-specialists in pediatric emergency medicine, cardiology and cardiac surgery, oncology, complex surgery, critical care, forensic maltreatment, obstetrics, and neonatology. The facility's services for healing extend through a family-centered care philosophy, where pediatric and neonate nurses, pharmacists, respiratory/physical therapists, social workers and child life specialists treat various aspects of the patients' lives.

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