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### **Good Samaritan Foundation Recognizes Hospice Nurses**

Three Houston Hospice nurses, Tolu Adeyemo, Karla Blanton, and Joe Hochman received the prestigious Good Samaritan Foundation Excellence in Nursing Award at a luncheon ceremony on October 23, 2017 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. The event was chaired by Jacqueline R. Ward, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Vice President of Nursing for Texas Children's Hospital.

Through the Excellence in Nursing Awards, Good Samaritan Foundation encourages others to celebrate and recognize individual nurses who excel in their chosen fields. Nurses are nominated by their peers for their passion, leadership, mentorship, and service to the Houston community. All nominations were reviewed and scored by a distinguished selection committee chaired by David Marshall, JD, DNP, RN, CENP, NEA-BC Chief Nursing and Patient Care Services Officer, UTMB Galveston, and comprised of many clinical leaders in the Texas Medical Center.

The Purpose of the Good Samaritan Foundation Excellence in Nursing Awards is to recognize nurses who are leaders at the bedside, offering extraordinary and compassionate care and service. While degrees, certifications and research exhibit great dedication on the candidate's part for developing professionally, the Foundation's priority of focus is on the nominees' stories of the work they do every day servicing patients, families, employees and students.

#### **About Houston Hospice:**

Founded in 1980, Houston Hospice is a member of the Texas Medical Center and is the only provider of nonprofit hospice care to Houston and 10 surrounding counties. Teams of specialist doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, counselors and trained volunteers provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and families, irrespective of their ethnicity or beliefs. To learn more about Houston Hospice, visit [www.houstonhospice.org](http://www.houstonhospice.org) or call 713-467-7423.

#### **About the Good Samaritan Foundation:**

In 1951, Reverend Clyde J. Verheyden, founded what is now known as Good Samaritan Foundation. Since its inception, Good Samaritan Foundation has been focused on one ongoing mission: to increase the number of highly-trained and dedicated nurses "at the bedside" of Texas patients. Building a stronger nurse workforce in Texas consists of attracting men and women to the nursing profession and providing financial resources to become the best educated and most skilled caregivers in the world.

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