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**Robinson Achieves Nationally Significant Nursing Award**

**Only hospital in Portage, Summit or Medina Counties**

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Robinson Memorial Hospital today was awarded Magnet status by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the only hospital in Portage, Summit or Medina Counties to have achieved this status. “Without question this is one of the most significant awards that the hospital has received in its history,” said Stephen Colecchi, President and CEO. “I congratulate and thank the nursing leadership and the staff who played a role in attaining this honor.”

At present there are only 215 Magnet hospitals in the entire country, and Robinson Memorial Hospital is one of the few independent community hospitals to have received recognition under the Magnet Recognition Program.

The Magnet Recognition Program requires hospitals to attain standards of excellence in all aspects of patient care. Magnet status recognizes the high caliber of Robinson

Memorial's nursing staff and all of the other departments that provide and support the delivery of services to our patients.

"I'm very proud to have facilitated this project for the hospital," said Christine Hawkins, RN, Director of Nursing Practice. "There was never a doubt in my mind that Robinson is truly a Magnet facility. The entire nursing staff and all hospital employees supported our achievement of Magnet status, which is one of the most significant achievements a hospital can attain."

"I'm delighted to be a part of this journey for nursing excellence that represents the care delivery at Robinson Memorial Hospital," said Deborah Small, RN, Vice President, Patient Care Services. "Attaining magnet status is well deserved by our team. This dedication to excellence can be seen in every staff member at Robinson."

Magnet status recognizes the professionalism of the nursing staff which translates to excellent patient care and teamwork, Small explained. "It means you're always in pursuit of excellence."

Robinson also was recognized for the fourth year in a row as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio by the Employer's Resource Council. "Being named both a Magnet and NorthCoast 99 hospital clearly demonstrates the excellent job that all of our employees do each and every day to meet the needs of our patients and to make Robinson Memorial a great place to work," Colecchi said.

Located in Ravenna, Robinson Memorial Hospital is a progressive 280-bed facility serving the residents of Portage County and surrounding communities. The second-largest employer in the county, Robinson Memorial Hospital includes a network of two urgent care facilities and physician practices throughout Portage County. Robinson Memorial Hospital is recognized as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio by the Employer's Resource Council.

*Robinson Memorial Hospital - Excellent Healthcare Where You Need It*