



Kaitlyn Buffone Chosen as Second TULIP Award Winner at SRMC

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Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) recognized Kaitlyn Buffone as its second TULIP Award winner. The TULIP (Thoughtful, Unforgettable, Lasting Impact on Patient Care) Award was established to acknowledge and celebrate SRMC team members who go above and beyond to provide exceptional care and service.

Buffone, a nurse technician, was nominated by an SRMC co-worker. Working under the supervision of a registered nurse, she assists with daily patient care and helps maintain a safe, comfortable environment for patients.

Her nominator wrote, “Kaitlyn is one of the most compassionate, dedicated and hard-working nurse techs I have had the privilege of working alongside. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure every patient in her care feels safe, respected and supported during some of the most vulnerable moments in their lives. I am incredibly grateful to work with someone who exemplifies the values of teamwork, empathy and excellence in patient care.”



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“We are very proud to honor Kaitlyn as our second TULIP Award winner,” added Jackie Boyle, SRMC Vice President of Human Resources. “Her dedication to our patients’ comfort and healing truly reflects the spirit of this award.”

Buffone was one of 11 SRMC staff members nominated for this quarter’s award by patients, their families or co-workers.

“The TULIP Award was the idea of SRMC employee Jodylynn Rolla, a respiratory therapist, to highlight the ways our team members make a difference,” Boyle continued. “Patients, visitors, co-workers and physicians who experience or observe extraordinary care by an SRMC team member are invited to nominate that individual for a TULIP Award. Any staff member is eligible for this recognition.”

TULIP Award nominations may be emailed to TulipAward@salemregional.com. Nominators should include their name and contact information, the nominee’s name, area where the staff member works and how he or she made a meaningful impact. Nomination forms are also available outside of SRMC’s cafeteria.

“In addition to the TULIP Award, Salem Regional Medical Center participates in the DAISY Award Program to recognize outstanding nurses who demonstrate exceptional clinical skills and compassionate care,” Boyle added.

For more information, call SRMC’s Human Resources Department at 330-332-7636.