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Encompass Health Albuquerque occupational therapist honored with companywide award

Albuquerque, N.M., May 3, 2019 – Sandi Cordova, an occupational therapist at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Albuquerque, has been honored as one of only seven finalists out of Encompass Health's more than 30,000 inpatient rehabilitation employees in the Encompass Health, formerly HealthSouth, network to receive the 2018 Outstanding Employee Achievement Award. Sandi was honored yesterday at an awards gala in Birmingham, Alabama.

Award finalists were selected based on their performance in four areas: contributions to extraordinary patient experience, team spirit and cooperation, commitment to continuous quality improvement and going above and beyond the call of duty. The process began with each of Encompass Health's 130 inpatient rehabilitation hospitals honoring a hospital employee of the year. Then, seven winners were named at the regional level.

Sandi lives the company's values of "lead with empathy" and "doing what's right." There is not a patient that Sandi comes in contact with that she does not take the time to get to know. She never treats a patient; she treats the person. She knows, sees and reminds others that the person in the bed is an airplane mechanic or a husband, not a multi-trauma or a CVA.

Sandi also serves as the student program coordinator at Encompass Health Albuquerque. This program serves as the hospital's single best recruiting source and has developed several former students into new employees. Sandi not only gets the students going within the department, but she also gets the staff, especially the young ones, to believe in themselves and that they would be great clinical instructors.

"Sandi is so deserving of this award and we couldn't be more proud of her," said Encompass Health Albuquerque CEO Rachelle Spencer. "She embodies our philosophy of providing comfort, professionalism and respect, creating lasting impressions that give patients and families an excellent experience. She serves as a role model for other employees, always sets the standard for high quality patient centered care and is dedicated to our mission."

Learn more about Sandi by watching this brief video.

About Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Albuquerque

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Albuquerque is an 87-bed hospital that offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services. These programs are designed to return patients to leading active and independent lives. Serving patients throughout New Mexico, the hospital is located at 7000 Jefferson NE, in Albuquerque and on the Web at encompasshealth.com/albuquerquerehab.

About Encompass Health

As a national leader in integrated healthcare services, Encompass Health (NYSE: EHC) offers both facility-based and home-based patient care through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, home health agencies and hospice agencies. With a national footprint that includes 130 hospitals, 221 home health locations, and 59 hospice locations in 37 states and Puerto Rico, the Company is committed to delivering high-quality, cost-effective, integrated care across the healthcare continuum. Encompass Health is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For. For more information, visit encompasshealth.com, or follow us on our newsroom, Twitter and Facebook.