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Confluence Health Honored with Two Awards for Excellence in Organ Donation Efforts

Wenatchee, WA: Confluence Health Hospital Central Campus was recently recognized with two hospital achievement awards by LifeCenter Northwest for excellence in organ donation efforts.

<u>LifeCenter Northwest</u> is the non-profit organ procurement organization which serves Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington State, the largest geographic area of any of the 57 federally designated organ procurement organizations in the United States. In this role, LifeCenter Northwest works collaboratively with more than 200 hospitals in the region to save lives through organ and tissue donation. Each year, hospitals that meet certain robust criteria are honored for their efforts in the organization's annual report. For the <u>2023 annual report released this month</u>, Confluence Health Hospital Central Campus – previously called Central Washington Hospital – was honored with two such awards.

The first award, the Organ Donation Process Excellence Award, previously called the Donation Referral Achievement Award – Organ, is granted to hospitals who have a process error rate of 5% or less. Realizing and maintaining a low process error rate is incredibly challenging and requires a strong commitment across hospital services and staff. Confluence Health Hospital Central Campus was one of only 29 hospitals to earn this honor in this organ donation service area. Confluence Health has previously been honored with this award five times before (2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

The second award, the Honoring Donor Decisions Award, is earned by hospitals honoring 100% of registered donation decisions in collaboration with LifeCenter Northwest. Confluence Health Hospital Central Campus was one of only 46 hospitals in the organ donation service area to receive this award this year, having previously received the award in 2022 as well.

"Organ donation is a sensitive, but important, area in healthcare that can literally change lives with a single decision," remarked Kelly Allen, chief nursing officer for Confluence Health. "We are so proud of our teams that work hard each day to honor those decisions to make such a precious gift and are grateful to LifeCenter Northwest for this recognition and their ongoing partnership to ensure those wishes are fulfilled."

About Confluence Health

Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence Health is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining availability and access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health and includes nine community board members and six physician board members.

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