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**LCMC Health recognizes 18 “Health Care Heroes”
Employees, medical staff and volunteers honored by *New Orleans CityBusiness***

New Orleans, LA (March 9, 2018) – LCMC Health is pleased to announce that [New Orleans CityBusiness](#) has recognized 18 individuals across the LCMC Health System as “Health Care Heroes.” Since 2007, *New Orleans CityBusiness* has honored 50 healthcare professionals in the New Orleans area in six categories: animal care, first responder, nurse, physician, professional and volunteer. Honorees are selected annually based on industry, community involvement and achievement that have set the pace for the overall community.

“We are extremely proud to have 18 honorees recognized as “Health Care Heroes” by *New Orleans CityBusiness*. Their dedication to our patients and the communities we serve is exemplary,” said Greg Feirn, Chief Executive Officer, LCMC Health. “At LCMC Health, we believe all our employees, physicians and volunteers are heroes for the quality and compassionate care they deliver every day.”

Honors Received by Category:

Nurses:

Shannon Grosch, RN, Touro Infirmary; Theresa Jacobsen, RN, Children’s Hospital; Judy Zeringue, RN, Children’s Hospital

Physicians:

Jennifer Avegno, MD, (Emergency Medicine) University Medical Center; Chris DuCoin, MD (General Surgery/Bariatrics), University Medical Center; George Ellis, MD, (Pediatric Ophthalmology) Children’s Hospital; Robert Hendel, MD (Cardiology) University Medical Center; Geoffrey Kitzman, MD, (Internal Medicine) New Orleans East Hospital; Christopher Lege, MD, (Internal Medicine) Touro Infirmary; Rebecca Schroll, MD, (Critical Care Surgery) University Medical Center; Steffan Sernich, MD, (Pediatric Cardiology) Children’s Hospital

Professionals:

Christopher Brown (Director of Environmental Services), Touro Infirmary; Denise Danna (Chief Nursing Officer), University Medical Center; Miranda Dunnam (Child Life Therapist), Children’s Hospital; Gretchen Penton (Vice President, Crescent City Physicians), Touro Infirmary

Volunteers:

Dick Buckman, Touro Infirmary; Claire Thriffiley, Children’s Hospital; Sara Wegener, Children’s Hospital

The 2018 Health Care Heroes will be honored at 5 pm Monday, May 14, at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

For additional information about LCMC Health or its hospitals, please visit www.lcmchealth.org. For more information on New Orleans CityBusiness’ Health Care Heroes, visit neworleanscitybusiness.com/health-care-heroes.

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About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, [LCMC Health](#) is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children's Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.