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## **FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER HONORED WITH AWARDS AT OHIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER**

**LANCASTER, Ohio (June, 26, 2013)** – Bob Williams, supervisor of the cardiac catheterization lab at Fairfield Medical Center, was named as one of five finalists for the Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year Award for the Heart Safe Community Initiative. The finalists and winner were announced Tuesday, June 11 at the Ohio Hospital Association's Annual Recognition Dinner.

The Health Care Worker of the Year Award recognizes an employee of an Ohio hospital or health care system who demonstrates leadership, reflects the values of Ohio's health care facilities, goes above and beyond the call of duty, gives back to the community and overcomes odds to succeed.

"We are so proud of Bob for all of his hard work with the Snider Community Heart Watch in creating a heart safe community," said Mina Ubbing, FMC president and CEO. "It is a tremendous honor to be named as a finalist for Health Care Worker of the Year, and Bob is very deserving of this recognition."

Also at the awards ceremony, Fairfield Medical Center was named as a Gold Partner in the Hospital Champions Partner Award. This was awarded for the Center going above and beyond to promote organ donation, increase organ donor registration and build community awareness. In 2012, 170 Ohioans died while waiting for an organ transplant.

"Today, we commend Fairfield Medical Center for their advocacy on behalf of donation and congratulate the organization for earning Gold status in this statewide program," said Mike Abrams, OHA president and CEO. "We are thrilled to have their return participation in the 2013-2014 program and look forward to working with Fairfield Medical Center to extend this important message in the year ahead."

In addition, FMC was recognized for a Melvin Creeley Environmental Leadership Award for promoting sound practices through environmental stewardship.

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