

EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL

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EAST ORANGE GENERAL HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE HONORED AT NEWARK'S ANNUAL IRISH HERITAGE AWARDS

East Orange, N.J., March 2, 2010 – Kim Erin O'Connor, MS, LPC, Administrative Director of Outpatient Behavioral Health at East Orange General Hospital (EOGH), was awarded the Irish Heritage Award - Healthcare for her long-term service and relentless commitment by the City of Newark's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee during their Annual Irish Heritage Awards Reception held at the Newark Public Library on Tuesday, February 23rd.

"It is a pleasure to recognize and honor Kim Erin O'Connor for the outstanding work she does throughout the local surrounding communities," said Kevin Frey, General Chairman of Newark's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. "She embodies the leadership and community service that are fundamental elements of our culture and values here in Newark."

In her twenty-five years at EOGH, Ms. O'Connor has progressed through increasing levels of responsibility, beginning as a night staff Crisis Counselor and worked up to the current position as head of her Division. She has achieved such advancements by remaining committed to providing high quality healthcare to meet the needs of an ever changing community and patient population.

"We are so pleased that Kim is being recognized for the positive impact she makes at our hospital and local communities every day," said Kevin J. Slavin, President and CEO of EOGH. "Her dedication has led to the creation of new programs and services which have received acknowledgements and awards."

"I am truly honored and humbled to be recognized by the Newark's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee," said Ms. O'Connor. "I will continue to remain committed to providing high-quality healthcare to meet the needs of an ever-changing community and patient population."

Ms. O'Connor attended Georgian Court University where she pursued a Bachelors degree in Psychology and later received a Masters in Counseling from Iona College.

The hospital will also walk during the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade held on Friday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m. traveling along Mulberry Street from the Prudential Center to St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral on Harrison.

About East Orange General Hospital

East Orange General Hospital is the largest private employer in East Orange, and remains as the only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital in Essex County. The hospital is the leader in Behavioral Health Services and provides a comprehensive array of primary care and specialty services including Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Family Health, Emergency

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Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services. Serving the community for over a century, the hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. For more information on East Orange General Hospital, please visit: <http://www.evh.org>.

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