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TRAPNELL SELECTED AS HOSPITAL LEADER OF THE YEAR

Elberton, GA - HomeTown Health, an organization of 70 rural hospitals in the Southeast, named Kerry Trapnell, CEO of Elbert Memorial Hospital, as the recipient of the 2021 Hospital Leader of the Year award at the HomeTown Health 22nd Annual Conference held at Callaway Gardens on October 19-22, 2021.

“The Hospital Leader of the Year award is presented annually to a leader who has demonstrated incredible dedication to their position, their team and their facility. Leaders receiving this award are known for their innovation, their leadership, their commitment to their employees and their community, and their steadfastness in an industry that is ever-changing.” says Jimmy Lewis, CEO of HomeTown Health.

Alongside his nomination came incredible feedback from his team, “In addition to performing his role as CEO at an exemplary level, Kerry demonstrates a commitment to EMH and its staff. Kerry is an integral part of the EMH team. Kerry goes above and beyond his leadership and staff expectations to support the EMH team, customers and our mission. When Kerry was hired as CEO of Elbert Memorial Hospital just over 3 years ago, EMH was a hospital struggling to survive. Kerry had a vision for EMH and knew what had to be accomplished. No matter how many individuals advised him that becoming critical access was a long stretch, he never gave up and the mission was accomplished in Jan 2020. Since this accomplishment, the hospital has grown under his leadership and his drive to make EMH successful. Through many changes in leadership, Kerry has made a difference at our hospital, exemplified the mission of EMH and positively impacted the staff. Kerry always puts the care of the patients and the care of the staff at the forefront of decisions which are made on a daily basis. His willingness to help others and his dedication to the hospital makes him not only a great leader, but a great mentor to ensure success and growth for all.”

“It is truly our pleasure to work alongside hospital leaders throughout the state that serve in rural facilities. It is an even greater pleasure to be able to recognize those leaders as they excel in their facilities and communities each year.” says Kristy Thomson, COO of HomeTown Health. “Kerry has done a phenomenal job leading his team towards the achievement of some very big goals – and while continuing to improve quality of care and service lines available in his facility. He is a well-respected and dedicated leader who effectively, compassionately and positively leads his team.”

Trapnell states, “It’s truly an honor and very humbling to receive this recognition from HomeTown Health. It’s even more special knowing my own staff and other CEO’s around the state actually nominated me. I love my Team at Elbert Memorial Hospital and I can’t wait to see the exciting things we accomplish together in the years to come!”

About Elbert Memorial Hospital: Elbert Memorial Hospital is a 25-Bed Critical Access Hospital that has been providing care to Elbert and surrounding counties for 70 years. Services include acute care, swing bed, emergency, inpatient and outpatient surgery, state of the art radiology, outpatient rehabilitation, infusion, wound and hyperbaric care and many more. Our Mission is to continuously seek ways to improve our delivery of healthcare and related services that exceed the expectations of our patients, their families, and all other customers. To learn more about Elbert Memorial Hospital visit www.emhcare.net.

About HomeTown Health:

HomeTown Health, LLC, celebrating its 22nd anniversary this year, serves more than 70 hospitals throughout the Southeastern United States. HomeTown Health, LLC offers advocacy, education, business partner service indexing, industry conferences, and strategic support to its member hospitals as well as expansive grant-based resources through key partnerships with the Department of Public Health and Department of Community Health in many states. HomeTown Health's mission is to do everything legally, morally and ethically possible to promote, sustain and maintain rural healthcare in the communities which its member facilities serve. Learn more at <http://www.hometownhealthonline.com>.

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