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Marilyn Gregory (center) accepts the St. Joseph's Hospital Spirit Award from CEO Jack Julius and Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl at the Hospital's annual service awards dinner.

**Marilyn Gregory is the 2009 Spirit Award Winner for St. Joseph's Hospital**

*--Gregory surprised at Hospital's Annual Service Awards dinner--*

**Parkersburg, WV** - St. Joseph's Hospital is proud to announce that this year's Annual Spirit Award Winner is Marilyn Gregory. The Spirit Award is the Hospital's top employee recognition award and is named in honor of the Sisters of St. Joseph who, motivated by their love and dedication to serving the sick of our community, founded St. Joseph's Hospital over 109 years ago.

Sister Joan Kreyenbuhl, Vice President of Mission and Ethics at the Hospital, announced the winner at Tuesday evening's Annual Service Award Banquet. "Marilyn Gregory's personal spirit is one that shines for all to see, and it is this radiance that allows her to promote the spirit that is St. Joseph's Hospital," said Kreyenbuhl.

Gregory began her career at St. Joseph's in 1974 as a clerk/typist. She currently serves as an Administrative Assistant in Nursing Services. She is described as a praiseworthy employee who displays all of the outstanding qualities that represent the "spirit" of St. Joseph's Hospital. "Although she has been subjected to many changes in her career at the hospital, she has welcomed every challenge as a new opportunity to grow and expand her knowledge," shared Kreyenbuhl.

Gregory was both surprised and humbled to win the award Tuesday night. "I am honored to be selected as the St. Joseph's Spirit Award winner when I consider how many other co-workers at the hospital are also deserving of this award."

"Marilyn is dependable, loyal, and always goes above and beyond the requirements of her job description," explained Susan Long, Interim Chief Nursing Officer at St. Joseph's. "She is dedicated to providing the best experience possible for all the people she deals with every day. She always has a smile on her face."

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