

2019 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero

Certificate of Special Recognition

WhidbeyHealth Engineering Team

When we think of heroes in the hospital or clinic setting, we often think of doctors, nurses, or other clinical staff. We often forget about the unsung heroes that work tirelessly to make access to those clinical jobs possible. The WhidbeyHealth Engineering Team is truly a group of unsung heroes. This team of four men and their supporting Maintenance Team provides support for the main hospital campus, as well as ten offsite facilities. They keep the facilities safe, ensuring the best outcomes and experiences for patients and staff.

Recently, this team of engineers showed strength, drive and compassion during the “Snowmageden” storm. As we know, Whidbey Island is not equipped to handle inches of snow let alone nearly a foot in one storm. The hospital had a contract with an outside company. However, the company was overwhelmed with calls, and not able to service the hospital during the storm. The engineering team worked around the clock to keep the hospital and clinics safe and operational for staff members and patients. They went above and beyond the scope of their jobs - cleaning, plowing and deicing - often with their own vehicles and little or no sleep. Due to the exemplary work of this team, the community continued to have their health care needs met.

Twenty-four/seven the WhidbeyHealth engineering team conducts themselves with a good attitude and positive outlook. They are composed and professional, and a wonderful asset to our health system. For their efforts to facilitate access to health services during a severe storm, the Island County Board of Health and Community Health Advisory Board are pleased to present the WhidbeyHealth Engineering Team with a 2019 Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero Certificate of Special Recognition