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**West Florida Healthcare Names  
Recipients of Local Humanitarian Awards**

May 31, 2016 (Pensacola, FL) - West Florida Healthcare recently named the recipients of the **Frist Humanitarian Awards** for 2015, announced **Brian Baumgardner**, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The winners were:

- Employee Award – **Ernie Cyr**, Pharmacy
- Volunteer Award – **Bill Ford**, Pastoral Care Volunteers
- Physician Award – **Mark Stavros, M.D.**, Emergency Department

Cyr is a resident of Milton while Ford lives in Pensacola and Dr. Stavros resides in Gulf Breeze. This honor places the three winners in competition for the division and potentially the nationwide 2015 Frist Humanitarian Awards, the highest honor an employee, volunteer, and physician can earn within HCA, West Florida Healthcare's parent company. The awards are given each year in recognition of the humanitarian achievements of the late Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Sr., founder of the company.

"We are extremely pleased to recognize Ernie, Dr. Stavros, and Bill as the winners of our local Frist Humanitarian Award competition," said Baumgardner. "They exemplify the true meaning of the Frist Awards and carry on the tradition of excellence this award signifies."

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One employee, one volunteer, and one physician will be selected as winners from each of the company's acute care and specialty hospitals. Those nominees, including the three from West Florida Healthcare, will go on to compete at their respective division levels, and those selections will compete for the company's national awards.

"Dr. Stavros, Ernie, and Bill are all recognized at our hospital for the care and compassion they demonstrate to our patients, their coworkers, and others in the community," continued Baumgardner. "They will certainly represent West Florida Healthcare well in the division award competition."

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Ernie Cyr



Mark Stavros, M.D.



Bill Ford