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MEDIA ALERT

Who: CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center - *Longview*

What: Awards celebration for the following award recognitions:

- **2017 American Heart Association:** *Mission LifeLine STEMI Receiving Center - Gold Plus and Mission LifeLine NSTEMI - Silver*
- **2017 American Stroke Association:** *Get with the Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus and Target Honor Role Elite Plus*
- **2017 American College of Cardiology:** *ACTION Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award*

When: Thursday, August 10; 11 – 1 p.m. (Award presentation and remarks from physicians at 11:05 a.m.)

Where: CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center – *Longview*, Main Lobby, 700 E. Marshall Ave., Longview

CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center – *Longview* has earned prestigious awards from the American Heart Association, American Stroke Association and American College of Cardiology.

2017 American Heart Association: Mission LifeLine STEMI Receiving Center - Gold Plus and Mission LifeLine NSTEMI – Silver

To earn the ***Mission LifeLine STEMI Receiving Center - Gold Plus*** award, a center must meet or exceed quality of care measures for people experiencing the most severe type of heart attack, ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), in which blood flow is completely blocked to a portion of the heart. The ***Mission: Lifeline® NSTEMI Silver*** award recognizes facilities for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

2017 American Stroke Association: Get with the Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus and Target Honor Role Elite Plus

To receive the ***Get With the Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement*** award, a hospital must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Quality. By earning the ***Target Honor Role Elite Plus*** award, a facility has met specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period.

2017 American College of Cardiology: ACTION Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award

To receive *the ACTION Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award*, a facility must demonstrate sustained achievement in the ACTION Registry for four consecutive quarters and has performed at the top level of standards for specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

The celebration will allow those departments responsible for achieving the award to be honored and will feature a presentation of the American Heart Association accreditation certificates by Ken Barela of the American Heart Association.

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