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Ladysmith Nurse Receives Rural Health Award

Award Recognizes Mary Schneider, RNC-CEN, for Contribution to Community

Monday, October 29th — The Wisconsin Office of Rural Health will present Mary Schneider, RNC-CEN, with an Outstanding Contribution to Rural Health Award, in recognition of her volunteerism and outreach to the local community, in a ceremony on Friday, November 2nd.

Schneider's list of community accomplishments is long and varied. She has volunteered with the local emergency service for eighteen years, coordinating emergency scenario drills and securing funds for necessary equipment. Schneider has been actively engaged in her community, teaching CPR to community members, exposing high school students to various health professions, and coordinating blood drives.

Nominating Mary Schneider for this honor was her husband, Phil Schneider, who had a long list of praise for her accomplishments. One anecdote encapsulates Mary's support for the community:

"One night at midnight a hospice patient needed assistance. Due to [the] rural location, the hospice staff was not able to respond at that time. Mary responded and assisted that family in caring for their loved one and was able to make him comfortable. They insisted on paying her so she accepted one ripe tomato."

Schneider has worked at Marshfield Medical Center—Ladysmith (formerly Rusk County Memorial Hospital) for 34 years, during which time she developed a class that prepared local youth for babysitting and provided instructions for the Neonatal Resuscitation Program, which teaches important and necessary training on how to care for a newborn.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, November 2nd, at 9am in the front lobby of Marshfield Medical Center—Ladysmith, located at 900 College Ave W in Ladysmith.

The Outstanding Contribution to Rural Health Awards are part of a celebration of [Rural Health Day](#), a day that highlights the unique challenges rural communities face: issues like provider shortages, lack of broadband, and lack of transportation. This year's Rural Health Day falls on November 15th, 2018.