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Fort HealthCare Receives WHA 2018 Advocacy All-Star Award

MADISON (March 23, 2018)---- Fort HealthCare of Fort Atkinson received the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) 2018 Advocacy All-Star Award at the Association's annual Advocacy Day in Madison March 21.

Mike Wallace, president/CEO of Fort HealthCare accepted the award before more than 1,000 hospital supporters participating in the day's activities. WHA recognizes one hospital or health care system each year that exemplifies dedication to grassroots advocacy.

"We are active because it works," Wallace said. "Public policy has a tremendous impact on our ability to provide high-quality health care, and if we are not engaged in the process, we are left behind. Through our efforts, we have learned lawmakers want to hear from us and welcome feedback on how particular issues affect the industry."

"We are honored to accept this award, and proud to work alongside, in collaboration with, all Wisconsin hospitals in this effort."

In presenting the award, WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding said Fort HealthCare is an exemplary advocate on health care issues, both federal and state. In his remarks, Borgerding highlighted Fort HealthCare's engagement with the Wisconsin Congressional delegation during the debate over Obamacare and their meetings with state legislators in successfully opposing a medical fee schedule in Wisconsin's workers' compensation program. He also noted Fort HealthCare CEO Mike Wallace's record of service with WHA, including chairing the organization's Council on Public Policy and its Council on Advocacy, as well as serving as chair of the WHA Board of Directors in 2016.

"In Washington and Madison, Fort HealthCare has been a voice not just for their hospital, but for all Wisconsin hospitals," said Borgerding. "They have been an advocate and ally in every possible way—an example of a leader in every possible sense."



WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding (left) presents the Advocacy All Star Award to Mike Wallace of Fort HealthCare at WHA's 2018 Advocacy Day.