

## Stoughton Health Receives WHA's 2023 Advocacy All-Star Award

### Recognition of the strong commitment of Stoughton Health's team to health care public policy and advocacy

Stoughton Health received the 2023 Advocacy All-Star Award at Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) annual Advocacy Day event on April 19 in Madison attended by nearly 1,000 hospital advocates. Presented by WHA Vice President of External Affairs Kari Hofer, the award recognizes one hospital or health care system that exemplifies a dedication to grassroots advocacy.

"Stoughton Health always has a strong showing at WHA's Advocacy Day, but Stoughton Health is also strongly committed to the ongoing grassroots process, making sure their advocates contact their lawmakers on both state and federal issues all year long," said Hofer. "Stoughton has been a consistent and strong advocate, and we appreciate their advocacy partnership and leadership."

Stoughton Health President and CEO Dan DeGroot accepted the award on behalf of the organization and said, "Stoughton Health's receiving this award is a great reflection on our steadfast commitment along with that of the larger health care community to advocacy. At the end of the day, what we all are trying to achieve is creating a better health care delivery system to enhance our ability to care for our patients and communities."

Stoughton Health actively participates on WHA's board of directors, councils and work groups, attends advocacy events and engages with state and federal lawmakers in their districts. Individuals from the hospital are also actively involved in the Hospital Education and Advocacy Team (HEAT), a statewide network designed to facilitate grassroots involvement on state and federal issues that impact Wisconsin hospitals.

WHA's Advocacy Day is the premier health care advocacy event in Wisconsin with nearly 1,000 attendees representing nearly every hospital and health system in Wisconsin.



*Stoughton Health President and CEO Dan DeGroot accepts WHA's 2023 Advocacy All-Star Award with the Stoughton Health team.*

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