

Ann F. Wolfe Award:

The Ann F. Wolfe Award was created and first awarded in 2001 in recognition of Dr. Wolfe's guiding force in the health of mothers and children throughout her career. She gave many years of service to North Carolina women, children and their families. She was a member of the NC Perinatal Association Board at the time of her death in February 2002. In giving this award we look for those who have given likewise over many years of service.

This year's recipient is Deb Johnson from The Maternity Center at Carolinas Medical Center at Pineville. Deb is a nurse and her career has spanned 40 years. She has been a leader in family centered care, which has resulted in thousands of lives being touched.

Deb has demonstrated the highest level of attention, values and virtue throughout her career. She spent 16 years at Gaston Memorial Hospital and was a leader in the transition to LDRP model of care. She used her experience from Gaston Memorial Hospital when she went to work at Mercy hospital of Charlotte. She was quickly recruited to be the leader in planning Mercy's premier LDRP Maternity Center. Only by her firm influence and resistance to other models of care, Deb was able to hold onto the framework that has made the maternity services evidence-based, quality-driven and fiscally responsible with single room maternity care, one to one ratios for labor and a staff that works hard to accommodate individual family needs.

Deb is a visionary! She is gifted in her ability to bring cooperation between all the contesting groups that need to work together. She takes leadership duties as an art and masters them in excellence. Her career has inspired her mother to become a nurse at the age of 50 and her sister to become a nurse.