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### **NIGHTINGALE PATIENT CHOICE AWARD RECIPIENT NAMED**

Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce **Irene O'Brien, RN**, of Lansdowne, PA, as the recipient of the Patient's Choice Award for 2009. She is a Registered Nurse at Paoli Hospital. She was honored at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on **October 16, 2009** at the **Radisson-Penn Harris 1150 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pa.**

This award is unique in that the winner is nominated by a patient, significant other in the life of the patient, or a family member, recognizing the nurse for exemplary care and service that has made a significant difference in the life of a patient and family. The nominating family and friends of the family will be in attendance to present this award.

Ms. O'Brien graduated from the Bryn Mawr Nursing School in 1975. She began her career at Bryn Mawr Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit so she could learn how to handle emergencies. She now works in the Intensive Care Unit at Paoli Hospital where she has worked for the past 4 years.

"I work with a very dedicated team of men and women, and for a hospital, which I have said more than once from when I first stepped foot into Paoli ... "This hospital has a wonderful management team" states Ms. O'Brien. "I still have so much to learn, and my passion is to give the best care possible for my patients. I still face my work day with a bit of healthy fear-but I cast my cares upon the LORD and I ask for knowledge and wisdom for that day and for the patients that have been placed under my care, and I am very thankful for the team that works along side of me-for nursing is truly a team effort-and so I must humbly say I do not know what I have done to deserve this recognition and so the praise goes back to my LORD for HIS guidance and to the team that works along side of me, and to the Hervey family, who nominated me-they are very eloquent!"

Anyone can nominate an exemplary nurse for this prestigious award by logging on to [www.nightingaleawards.org](http://www.nightingaleawards.org) and completing the nominating form. The deadline for 2010 nominations is May 15, 2010.