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Pediatric Chaplains Network

Beloved Friends and Colleagues,

I have no words to describe adequately my deep appreciation for this award for excellence and innovation in pediatric chaplaincy, presented at the 2012 national conference of the Pediatric Chaplains Network. I am humbled by your kindness. Serving with you as together we have developed and nurtured a professional organization for pediatric chaplains has been a highlight of my career. I am stunned to receive this award. I have always been grateful that you even let me be part of you, share with you, learn from you, grow with you, pray with you, and serve God alongside you. Your embracing friendship and your openness with resources have been such a blessing and have become one of the hallmarks of PCN.

I certainly never expected to have an award named for me! How does one even respond to such an honor? Still recovering from the amazement, my hope is that future recipients will find encouragement and strength in knowing that those of us who came before them in pediatric chaplaincy prayed for them before we even knew their names.

May they know that we did our best to make straight the path, clearing away stones and marking a trail, that they might travel further and see more clearly than would ever be possible for us. May they understand themselves not as owners, but stewards of knowledge, skill, and talent. May they lift the next generation of pediatric chaplains on their shoulders that our common ministry may flourish and develop beyond what any of us can now envision. May they nurture the spirit in children's healthcare until the day when all children are healthy, loved, and loving. And may this worthy endeavor fill them, as it has filled each of us, with God's own joy and peace.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You have touched my heart. I am so blessed to know you.

In love and friendship,

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