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Dr. Patricia Curtin honored with national Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service

(WILMINGTON, Del. - June 24) For her humanitarian work at home and abroad, Patricia Curtin, M.D., FACP, CMD, of Christiana Care Health System received a national Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service at a ceremony on June 16 in Washington, D.C. Dr. Curtin is the first Christiana Care employee to win a national honor from the [Jefferson Awards Foundation](#).

The Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system honoring public service in America. The winner exemplifies the concepts of service, leadership and caring. In April, Dr. Curtin was [honored with a 2016 Jefferson Award](#) at the local level for her dedication to high-quality care for the elderly, her passion for mentoring students, and her medical service abroad caring for underserved people in Haiti.

A respected and beloved health care professional, Dr. Curtin is chief of Christiana Care Health System's Geriatric Medicine Section in the Department of Medicine and has helped establish Christiana Care as a national leader in elder care. She has won an Award for Best Practices for Older Adults from the American Organization of Nursing Executives/John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing and the 2015 Harrington Award for Distinguished Service from Christiana Care's Trustees.

Dr. Curtin has led and organized medical mission teams in providing care to families in mobile clinics and children in orphanages. Caring for more than 100 patients per day and teaching them basic health information, she set up clinics where patients were screened for diabetes and hypertension, treated for malaria and other diseases, and given hope for a brighter, healthier future.

She also volunteers for the Sunday Breakfast Mission, the Alzheimer's Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Society and St. Mark's High School.

"As a physician and a volunteer, Dr. Curtin is a respectful, expert, caring partner with her neighbors in their health, whether it be in Haiti or right here in Delaware," said Margarita Rodriguez-Duffy, MSW, CAVS, director, Visitor & Volunteer Services and program coordinator of the Jefferson Awards at Christiana Care.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 21st leading hospital in the nation and 10th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services, and through Christiana Care Quality Partners, Christiana Care works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds. For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/whoweare.



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