



OSF HealthCare Foundation Celebrates 2022 Pearl Award Recipient and Regional Culture of Philanthropy Honorees

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(Nov. 15, 2022 | Peoria, Ill.) - The [OSF HealthCare Foundation](https://www.osfhealthcare.org) has announced the 2022 Pearl Award recipient. The Pearl Award recognizes contributions to philanthropic excellence, compassionate care, and visionary leadership that will transform health care.

The Pearl Award was established in recognition of Dr. Richard Pearl, former director of pediatric trauma and surgeon in-chief at OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois and the former director of surgical simulation at Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center, in recognition of his profound demonstration of the Culture of Philanthropy and his relationships and involvement with the OSF Foundation.

Eileen Knightly, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Evergreen Park, Ill. is this year's recipient. Eileen is accountable for leading the nursing operations at OSF Little Company of Mary to achieve key results and drive superior clinical outcomes. Together, with other members of the leadership team, Eileen establishes quality standards and develops policies and procedures for the nursing staff. Eileen has served in a variety of nursing leadership roles throughout her career and is also vice president of Equal Hope and was a founding member of the Metropolitan Breast Cancer Task Force in Chicago.

The Pearl Award recipient is presented with a one-of-a-kind, custom made, hand-blown, glass lotus flower from J. Draper Glass studio in Peoria, Ill. Nestled within the lotus flower rests a stunning pearl. Pearls are known for their beauty, serenity, integrity and loyalty, all traits that the award recipient exemplifies. The lotus flower is unique and ever evolving with its petals always reaching up to the light that brings sustaining life. Each year the colors vary with a touch of Franciscan brown intertwined, similar to how philanthropy is embodied within the Mission of OSF HealthCare and The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis.

The OSF HealthCare Foundation honored five regional leaders during its annual Culture of Philanthropy Celebration on November 9. The Pearl Award was presented to a recipient selected from the 2022 honorees.

2022 Honorees:

Eastern Region: [Dr. Samina Yousuf](#), pediatrician, OSF Medical Group, Bloomington.

Eastern Region: [Eileen Knightly](#), Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center, Evergreen Park.

Central Region: [Dr. Mark Plunkett](#), Chief of Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria

Western Region: [Roxanna Crosser](#), chief executive advisor (Galesburg-based).

Western Region: [Laura Glazebrook](#), behavioral health nurse, OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, Ottawa.

Learn more about the Pearl Award and regional honorees at [osfhealthcarefoundation.org/cultureofphilanthropy/](https://www.osfhealthcare.org/cultureofphilanthropy/).

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