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Brubacher Receives Irene Hart Award from CPAAA

Newton, Kan. – Joan Brubacher, LSCSW, received the Irene Hart Award from the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging for her significant contribution to the field of aging.

Brubacher has worked for the Prairie View Older Adult Services department since 1992.

“Joan has consistently demonstrated a dedication to older adults and provided the services they need with tremendous skill and compassion,” said Mary Carman, Ph.D., vice president of older adult services at Prairie View.

As director of Prairie View’s caregiver support groups, Brubacher sees older adults and their families in five counties and provides individual psychotherapy. She also leads groups in the inpatient hospital and partial day hospital.

In addition to these responsibilities and coordinating psychiatric providers and in-service training on mental health issues for Presbyterian Manors of Mid America, which involves 17 long-term facilities in Kansas and Missouri, she is the primary person responsible for grant writing and contact with the area agencies on aging.

“Joan’s unique clinical skills, combined with her personable nature, make her an invaluable person to Prairie View, the community and the older adults she serves,” said Carman.

Brubacher feels privileged to work with the older adult population through her service at Prairie View and thanks the organization and area agencies on aging for their support. “It really has been a blessing to me,” she said.

Prairie View is the state's largest private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus and outpatient offices in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita. A provider of services for over 50 years, it is guided by a strong tradition of Christian caring and is a not-for-profit organization.