



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Labette Health to Receive Centers of Excellence Award**

*Community Invited to Attend Award Ceremony on May 12*

(May 10, 2017) – Join us to learn how Labette Health has recently emerged as an exceptional innovator in the Healthy Kansas Hospitals initiative, designed to help hospitals lead by example in promoting healthy behaviors.

Healthy Kansas Hospitals is a project of the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation. The program's goal is to help hospitals provide healthier food and beverage options throughout the facility for hospital employees, patients and visitors. Many hospitals also are integrating wellness, fitness and community engagement into their programs as well.

Labette Health in Parsons is one of three recipients selected for the 2017 Healthy Kansas Hospitals Centers of Excellence Award. Other awardees are Atchison Hospital in Atchison and Wilson Medical Center in Neodesha.

- What: Centers of Excellence Award Presentation
- Who: Labette Health
- When: 2:00 pm – Friday, May 12, 2017
- Where: Labette Health – Building A Lobby – 1902 S US Highway 59, Parsons
- Why: KHERF will present an award and monetary contribution to support future projects aimed at expanding hospital efforts and widening community impact.

Kansas hospitals have the potential to take the lead in creating a roadmap for other worksites to navigate the challenges associated with implementing healthier environments. For more information, go to [www.HealthyKansasHospitals.org](http://www.HealthyKansasHospitals.org).

The Healthy Kansas Hospitals initiative is a project of the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation. Established in 1969, by the Kansas Hospital Association, KHERF's mission is to facilitate collaboration and innovation to improve health delivery for Kansas communities.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 212 member facilities, of which 127 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is Optimal Health for Kansas.

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