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2017 Healthcare Heroes Recognized

Toledo, OH — Five people and one community collaborative were named the 2017 Healthcare Heroes on Tuesday, June 27, as part of a program designed to recognize the extraordinary contributions healthcare makes to the quality of life in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Thirty individuals and five community collaboratives were recognized as 2017 Healthcare Heroes candidates after being nominated for the distinction.

The 2017 Healthcare Heroes are:

- Thomas G. Welch, MD, FACC, (Lifetime Achievement Award), Regional Chief Clinical Officer – Toledo Region, Mercy Health
- Kent E. Bishop, MD, FACOG, Chief Experience Officer and President of Women's Service Line, ProMedica
- Randy Oostra, DM, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer, ProMedica
- Barbara Ann Oxner, BSN, RN, Patient Navigator, University of Toledo – Center for Health & Successful Living
- Kamala P. Tamirisa, MD, FACC, FHRS, Cardiologist, ProMedica Physicians Cardiology
- ABLE Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, Toledo (Collaborative Award)

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For more information about Healthcare Heroes, please visit the [Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio's website](#).