

# News Release

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## **Bluewater Health Honoured by The Kidney Foundation of Canada, Sarnia Lambton Chapter** with the Susan Robbins Memorial Award

**SARNIA & PETROLIA – April 18, 2018** – Bluewater Health Dialysis Unit Leaders Cathy Columbus, Carrie McAffer and Terri McAuslan have been awarded the Susan Robbins Memorial Award by the Sarnia-Lambton Chapter of The Kidney Foundation of Canada. Selected by the Sarnia-Lambton Chapter Board of Directors, the award recognizes those who are strong advocates for patients and caregivers and who support fundraising and volunteer initiatives.

Columbus, McAffer and McAuslan accepted the award at the Kidney Foundation’s Annual Volunteer Appreciation event on April 17<sup>th</sup> from Greg Robbins, husband to the late Susan Robbins and Board Member of the Sarnia-Lambton Chapter. He commented on their contribution, “Staff morale, a positive work environment and patients who feel like they are being cared for and listened to is a vital part of a dialysis unit. We are fortunate to have all of those variables at Bluewater Health’s Dialysis Unit.”

The Dialysis Unit at Bluewater Health provides hemo-dialysis treatment for chronic renal failure for patients in Sarnia-Lambton and the surrounding area, and is a satellite of the Renal Program at London Health Sciences Centre in London, Ontario. A team of nephrologists and specialists in training (fellows) manage the medical care of dialysis patients along with the nurse practitioner who also assists in arranging access creation and connections with a Peer Support Program through the Kidney Foundation. Columbus, McAffer and McAuslan are Registered Nurses and Unit Leaders in the Dialysis Unit.

According to Laurie Zimmer, Vice President of Operations at Bluewater Health, “We are honoured that the Sarnia-Lambton Chapter of The Kidney Foundation of Canada has chosen to present Cathy, Carrie and Terri with the Susan Robbins Memorial Award. While each of these individuals are highly skilled and dedicated to providing exemplary patient care, they are also committed to working with our community partners to improving life for patients in the community as well. We are very proud of Cathy, Carrie and Terri.”

Bluewater Health, with locations in Sarnia and Petrolia, cares for the residents of Sarnia-Lambton. With close to 2,500 staff, Professional Staff and volunteers, Bluewater Health provides an array of specialized acute, complex continuing care, allied health and ambulatory care services. Bluewater Health’s Mission is: *We create exemplary healthcare experiences with patients and families every time.* For more information about Bluewater Health, visit [www.bluewaterhealth.ca](http://www.bluewaterhealth.ca) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.

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