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SUSAN O'HARE RECOGNIZED FOR STATE-WIDE EFFORT TO SAVE THE  
LIVES OF CHILDREN

NASHVILLE, TN December 9, 2009 Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children Foundation (TN EMSC) has selected Susan O'Hare as this year's recipient of the Advocate for Children Award. This award recognizes her long-standing service to the life saving needs of the children of Tennessee and its bordering states, and for her tireless support of the principles of the national Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

Children come in many sizes and TN EMSC works to ensure that the care given in an emergency fits the size and development of the child. Michael Carr, MD, President of TN EMSC states, "Critically ill and injured children are a medical challenge. Ms. O'Hare's leadership has resulted in providing an outreach coordinator to teach pediatric skills to rural hospitals and EMS agencies in Southeast TN and Georgia that other comprehensive regional pediatric hospitals in Tennessee have emulated."

Ms. O'Hare has been a faithful and stalwart advocate for the care and welfare of children across the state. As a hospital administrator, an invited speaker at pediatric nursing educational conferences, and from her past experience as an oncology/hematology nurse, she has brought a host of talents from multiple areas to bear on the continuum of quality pediatric care.

Each year TN EMSC hosts the Update in Pediatric Emergency Care Conference and presents two awards that honor's the recipient for their commitment to the emergency care of children. This year marked the fourth year.

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TN EMSC, a not-for-profit agency was established in 2005 to provide pediatric emergency care training, consulting, research and evaluation to healthcare providers throughout Tennessee. For further information please refer to [www.tnemsc.org](http://www.tnemsc.org).

Susan O'Hare is a certified pediatric nurse, pediatric nurse practitioner and recently the Senior Vice-President of Specialty Facilities at Erlanger Medical Center, and has served the children in Chattanooga and Tennessee in many capacities since 1993. She received her undergraduate degree in secondary education from Tennessee Technological University and her nursing degree from Wallace College in Dothan, AL. She received her master's degree in nursing and was certified as a pediatric nurse practitioner at the University of Texas in Arlington. Her clinical area of expertise has been in pediatric hematology and oncology. As an administrator at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, her title and scope of service has changed over the years, but her responsibilities have always included the function as chief executive officer of T C Thompson Children's Hospital.