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Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare Nurses Named Among 2010 Nurse of the Year Winners

[Saint Paul, Minn.] – **November 23, 2010** – The March of Dimes Minnesota Chapter has recognized two nurses representing Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in the state's first annual Nurse of the Year Awards. Patrick Rivard, R.N., and Kim Marben, R.N., are among 13 Minnesota nurses to be honored for outstanding leadership and contributions to their community and profession.

Rivard, recognized in Ambulatory, Long Term & Rehabilitation Care, specializes in pain management techniques for children and adults with complex medical conditions. Marben, recognized in Leadership, assists patients who have childhood-onset conditions make the transition from pediatric- to adult-care settings. Nominations were submitted by patients, their families and health care professionals statewide, with winners announced at a November 13th awards ceremony.

"This inaugural event offers an opportunity to celebrate, and honor, Minnesota nurses who have positively impacted the lives of many," says Karen Brill, committee chair and Vice President of Patient Services at Gillette. "The inclusion of two of our nurses in this admirable group reaffirms what we see daily at Gillette: exceptional nursing care that improves the health and well-being of our patients and families."

Nurse of the Year Awards benefit the March of Dimes mission of improving health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Sponsors of the awards event included Gillette, HealthPartners/Regions Hospital, MedImmune and St. Cloud Hospital.

About Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or complex medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal-cord

injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis. Gillette provides services to the community in St. Paul, Maple Grove, Burnsville, Minnetonka, Duluth, Brainerd Lakes, and Willmar.

Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical treatment, technology, education and research for children with disabilities. Gillette's mission is to help children, adults and their families improve their health, achieve greater well-being, and enjoy life. For more information, visit www.gillettechildrens.org.