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2017 Salute To HealthCare Honors Three

Three people will be recognized at this year's Salute to HealthCare awards luncheon, hosted by the Longview Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Maude Cobb Convention Center, 100 Grand Blvd. In addition to the individuals' recognition, this year's event will include exhibitor booths to showcase businesses and enhance business-to-business connections.

- Dr. Karen Roberts, a local pediatrician, will be honored as the Healthcare Professional of the Year. Roberts has been a part of Diagnostic Clinic of Longview's pediatric and adolescent team for more than 25 years. She has long been involved in the community through the Gregg County Child Welfare Board and the Citizens Review Committee for Region 7 Child Protective Services. Roberts has served as a clinical preceptor for third-year medical students from UTMB. She and her husband, Dr. James Repasky, have made mission trips to Bolivia for two decades, working with the Arawa Indians. She and Repasky have two adult children.

- Kimberly Holcomb is being recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for the countless hours she has given to CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Health System since 1999. Holcomb has worked in the hospital gift shop and serves as treasurer of the Good Shepherd Auxiliary. She has served as decorations chair for the Gold Rush fundraiser, and also has volunteered for the Think Pink Luncheon and Fashion Show. Holcomb serves as president of the LISD Foundation Board, the Longview High School Viewette Club and is a member of the Longview High School Parent-Teacher Organization. She has served as president of the Senior Tersichorean Club and funding chair for the Presbyterian Children's Center.

- Longtime physician Dr. James Sawyer will receive the Dr. Sam Mack Lifetime Achievement Award. Sawyer has been practicing in Longview since 1982 and has been a partner in Diagnostic Clinic of Longview since 1996. Sawyer received his medical degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and completed his internal medicine residency at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He is board-certified in internal medicine, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a past board member of the Texas chapter. He is also a past president of the local chapter of the Texas Academy of Internal Medicine.

Presenting sponsors for the event are Excel ER, Longview Regional Medical Center, and Network Communications. CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Health System is the keynote sponsor.

Table sponsorships, exhibitor booths, and individual tickets are now available. Registration closes on Friday, March 3. For more information contact the Chamber office at 903.237.4000, or register online at www.LongviewChamber.com/eventdirectory.

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