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Gerber Memorial Health Services President Receives Top Honor

Lansing, Mich. — Ned Hughes Jr., president, Gerber Memorial Health Services, Fremont, yesterday received the *Meritorious Service Award* from the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA). Presented during its annual membership meeting, the award is the association's highest honor. Also recognized was Joseph Wasserman, president and chief executive officer, Lakeland Regional Health System, St. Joseph.

Hughes has contributed more than 35 years of health care service, the past 23 as president of Gerber Memorial. Under his leadership, Gerber has grown in size and scope to encompass a broad spectrum of services, including primary, home and community-based care, and has been selected as a Solucient Top 100 Hospital, a Top 100 Rural Hospital and a Top 100 Orthopedic Benchmark Hospital. In addition, Hughes spearheaded the organization's innovative redesign as a learning organization. He has served on the MHA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, as a member of the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board and House of Delegates, and as president of the Michigan Rural Health Association. Hughes has also received the *Distinguished Leadership Award* from the National Association for Leadership and the *Regents Award for Management Excellence* from the American College of Healthcare Executives.

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association, based in Lansing, is a state association representing and supporting hospitals, health systems and other health care providers through education, advocacy and communication.

MHA Honors Health Care Champions and Community Benefit Program

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