

## Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**Kelly Stafford, RN  
8th Floor Cardiac Surgery ICU**

**Katie McRae from 8th Floor Cardiac Surgery ICU submitted the following nomination. . .**

Kelly Stafford is an exceptional nurse and an exceptional role model for all employees. Kelly puts patients first. She holds the highest standards of care, is an excellent preceptor and mentor, and is always expanding her education and training. For example, Kelly Stafford has raised awareness and pursued additional education about family presence in the ICU during resuscitation and end-of-life care, two very cutting edge nursing initiatives in critical care today. She was instrumental in our unit's successful application for the Beacon Award. We are one of only three units in Oregon and 120 in the nation to receive it. She has chaired or co-chaired our unit-based nursing practice council repeatedly, served as quality champion, and is on the Board of the local chapter of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). She co-organized a citywide cardiac conference. She is an advocate for patients in everything she does and has the moral courage to stand up for her beliefs of what is best for them.



# Award Recipient - January 2009