Manchester, NH— Ashley Brandes, RN, BSN, Elliot Health System, is the 2017 recipient of the Clint M. Jones New Hampshire Nursing Award. This is the second year in a row that a nurse from Elliot Health System has received this prestigious award.

Brandes, a graduate of St. Joseph College, received the annual award in front of her peers during a special Nurses Week celebration held Wednesday, May 10th at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH.

The Clint Jones Nursing Award was created in 2006 by the Foundation for Healthy Communities to honor the memory of the former director of the Foundation’s N.H. Nursing Workforce Partnership. The award recognizes a registered nurse practicing in New Hampshire for at least one year but not more than six years, who exemplifies quality, compassionate nursing care and demonstrates a commitment to a career in nursing.

Brandes joined the staff at Elliot Hospital in 2011 and currently serves on the hospital’s Pediatrics Unit working with pediatric patients and their families, and serves as Chair of the Unit Practice Council focusing on improving the quality and delivery of patient care.

In nominating Brandes for the award, Rebecca Marden RN, MSN, CNML, Pediatrics Clinical Nurse Manager, cited both her support of her fellow colleagues, as well as her enthusiasm and commitment to her patients and their families. “Ashley’s passion for nursing is evident in everything she does. She’s an exceptional family advocate, and has come in on her days off to support her patients during team meetings,” stated Marden. “Her level of commitment and engagement to her patients and her peers directly impact the quality of care we deliver.”

Join us in congratulating Ashley on her achievement!
**About Elliot Health System** - Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving the healthcare needs of the community since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester’s designated Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Behavioral Health, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Health System / Dartmouth – Hitchcock 1-Day Surgery Center, Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, NH Arthritis Center, Elliot Retail Pharmacy, Elliot Medical Centers in Londonderry and Hooksett, and The Elliot at River’s Edge.

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