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**UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH ACKNOWLEDGES LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER  
EMPLOYEE**

The Lebanon VA Medical Center (LVAMC) is proud to announce that Debra Keffer, RN, BSN has received the Under Secretary for Health's Hands and Heart (H&H) Award. This prestigious award pays tribute to an employee who exhibits characteristics that best exemplify the finest in patient care.

Ms. Keffer has been a member of the oncology staff at LVAMC since July 2008, after working with both inpatient and outpatient hospice patients and chemotherapy patients for many years. Ms. Keffer continuously strives to accommodate patients and families as they struggle in dealing with cancer diagnosis and treatment. She helps them in any way she can to ease their burdens and struggles in coping with everyday life. "Employees, like Debra Keffer are compassionate, courteous and caring individuals that have enabled the Lebanon VA Medical Center to better achieve its mission – providing the best possible care for our Nation's Veterans." – Robert W. Callahan, Jr., Director, LVAMC

Additionally, Ms. Keffer was instrumental in organizing a Relay for Life Team at the LVAMC, with patients and staff, to help raise money to support the American Cancer Society in their battle to find a cure to cancer.

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