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**THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HONORS
THE MATERNITY UNIT AT STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

ATTLEBORO, MA, OCTOBER 11, 2012 – The Massachusetts Department of Health recently honored the Maternity Unit at Sturdy Memorial Hospital with the 2012 Breastfeeding Achievement Award for its commitment to postpartum breastfeeding support.

“In order for there to be success in breastfeeding, the maternity nursing staff at Sturdy Memorial feels strongly that support after discharge is just as crucial as the ongoing supervision a new mom receives during her stay,” states Paula Boothman, RNC, MSN, nurse manager on the Weber Maternity Unit at Sturdy Memorial. The maternity nurses receive advanced education and training in breastfeeding support and the lactation consultants are board certified. New moms and their babies are encouraged to attend Sturdy’s breastfeeding support group that meets monthly and is open to the public at no cost. The Lactation Support Program continues to provide lactation consultation on an outpatient basis for any families needing follow-up and support.

For more information about maternity and lactation services at Sturdy Memorial Hospital, call 508-236-7250 or visit www.sturdymemorial.org.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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