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STATESBORO, Ga., - Willingway Hospital named Inpatient Program Manager Raymond Scott, CAC II the 2016 Employee of the Year at its annual staff Christmas party on Wednesday, December 14.

The designation was announced by the 2015 winner, Inpatient Counselor Connie Lawler. Willingway's Employee of the Year is determined by company-wide voting to identify finalists from which an award committee made up of past winners selects the top pick.

Scott has worked at Willingway since 1993 and this is his second time winning Employee of the Year. His first win was in 1998. Upon receiving the award, Scott said that he was shocked when his name was called.

"I was sitting there thinking those are some uplifting comments and that person really deserves this award. It is a distinct honor and I respect it greatly. I won it in 1998 and that seems a lifetime away. A lot has changed since then," said Scott.

Scott experienced a difficult year personally with the death of his son and his wife having major surgery.

Many of Scott's coworkers who nominated him commented on his continued dedication and positive attitude at work despite the tragic events he faced in his personal life.

"I'm really blessed to have the support and love that has been given to my family and me this past year. Willingway is a very special place to work, if you call what we do work--because I get the opportunity to impact someone else's life each day," said Scott.

To obtain photos or schedule an interview with Scott or any other Willingway staff, please contact Lorraine Oakes at 912.489.7277 or loakes@willingway.com.

About Willingway: Since 1971, Willingway has helped more than 20,000 patients recover from alcohol and drug dependency. Willingway's nationally recognized addiction treatment programs are tailored to the unique needs of each individual patient. The staff includes some of the top addiction medicine physicians in the country.

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