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Linda Stoverock is the Chief Nursing Officer and Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services at Nationwide Children's Hospital where she has implemented exceptional nursing practices to ensure that children and families receive the very best care. To ensure that all families seeking treatment feel comfortable, Linda has diversified the staff and included issues of diversity in employee training programs. She has also actively supported the "Grow Your Own" initiative that trains front line staff such as housekeepers and administrative assistants to become Patient Care Assistants. Under Linda's leadership, Nationwide Children's Hospital was re-designated as a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a prestigious benchmark in nursing excellence awarded to only five percent of hospitals.

Linda is an advocate of life-long learning, believing that well-rounded nurses result in better bedside care. She continues to develop her own leadership skills through membership in the Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives, of which she was president in 2006; The American Nurse Association; and as a member of Leader for Future Think Projects for Central Ohio—Redesigning Healthcare for 2013.

Having two daughters—Sara (26), Kate (23)—Linda is committed to developing the next generation of leaders. To give her daughters the courage to follow their dreams, Linda became involved with the Girl Scouts and was a troop leader for years. She is now an active board member of Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council and the Leaders for Tomorrow Fundraising Committee. To ensure that every young girl has access to leadership development, Linda has created practices that enroll girls from all over the region, including Somalis, Appalachians, and Hispanics.

In her spare time, Linda loves to travel the scenic areas of the United States. A re-formed camper, she loves to hike trails and enjoy nature. She also loves reading and is currently enjoying "The Lost Symbol."

Linda is working towards a legacy where nursing is seen as a highly educated profession that contributes significantly to the health and well-being of our country. She also hopes that her actions and policies will lead healthcare to become more inclusive, humane, and family-centered.