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Katherine Melhorn, M.D., honored by National Children’s Alliance

WICHITA, KAN. – Katherine Melhorn, M.D., clinical professor, KU Wichita Pediatrics, has been selected to receive the 2018 Volunteer Leadership Award from the National Children’s Alliance (NCA).

She was presented the award on June 10 in Washington, D.C., during the NCA Leadership Conference opening reception.

“Dr. Melhorn worked as the only pediatrician who served the Wichita area starting in the 1980s and was the first child abuse pediatrician in the state,” said Tina Peck, APRN, SANE-A, SANE-P, forensic nursing services program coordinator for Via Christi Hospitals Wichita Inc., in her letter of support of Melhorn for this award.

Since starting with the Via Christi Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team (now Forensic Nursing Services) in 1993, Melhorn has reviewed more than 3,400 cases, according to Peck.

In a letter from Lt. Travis Rakestraw, commander of the Exploited and Missing Child Unit (EMCU), he commended Melhorn on her vision to partner with EMCU to develop the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County (CACSC), allowing the agencies to collaborate on child abuse investigations. The CACSC was started in 2008.

In 2011, Melhorn served on the Capital Campaign Leadership Committee for the CACSC and worked closely on countless campaign solicitations, which totaled more than \$3.5 million in gifts toward the \$7 million goal.

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