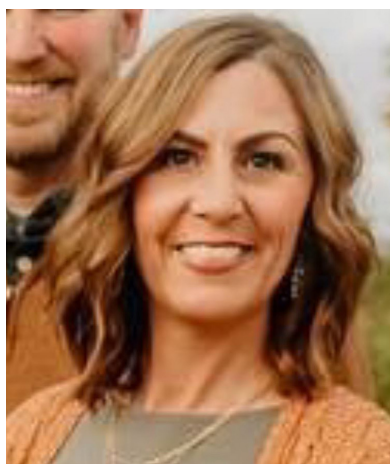




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**PRAIRIE LAKES**  
Healthcare System



**JENNI CARTER**  
LOCAL & NATIONAL  
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PRAIRIE LAKES  
HOSPITAL

from Watertown, SD  
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An RN who works in the surgery department at Prairie Lakes Hospital and also fills in at Jenkins Living Center has been named a Healthcare Hero for October.

Jenni Carter says her mother helped inspire her career choice. After healthcare classes in high school, she began shadowing at the hospital in Watertown and knew it was right for her.

"I just love to help people; I love to problem solve, and I just really have a passion for taking care of people," Carter said.

Carter's nomination highlighted her dedication as a nurse: "She is very kind to all her patients that come through the OR. ... As a Team player Jenni is always there to help out. Anybody that needs time off, she will take their place."

Carter said she's inspired every day by her coworkers.

"The other nurses and the surgeons and nurse anesthetist that I work with – we are just supportive of each other. There's so many good things that happen every day that I have to be thankful for, so I'm thankful for the education that I get from my fellow coworkers."

Around Thanksgiving 2020 is when Carter also began helping at Jenkins, where she works on an as-needed basis.

"It just has helped me grow as a person and as a nurse and just with my learning new things," Carter said.

Being named a Healthcare Hero is humbling, Carter said.

"I was just taken aback," Carter said. "Being in the healthcare industry for 17 years and then working through the pandemic, it was just nothing that I ever thought that I would encounter. So being named this and recognized for that work is really humbling."

Nominate your Healthcare Hero at: [thepublicopinion.com/contests](https://thepublicopinion.com/contests)

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