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**RE: Nurse Jessica Husted**

**Dear Director,**

**I am eager for this letter to reach the right Medical Center official so a deserving employee is recognized for her service during off-duty time.**

**On Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, I was hiking with my 86 year old cousin Ron Newsom in Cheaha State Park when he fell. He began bleeding seriously from his temple among other injuries. I thought we were alone on the trail and I attempted, unsuccessfully, to stop the bleeding with a handkerchief and tee shirt. All of a sudden a young lady knelt down beside me and said I was doing it wrong. She said "I'm a nurse" -- and she took over. Her name is Jessica Husted. Jessica stuck with it for an hour and half. She not only became his primary source of first aid but she engaged him to keep him conscious and to help himself. I think she did a wonderful job and probably saved him from more serious harm.**

**As time went by luck was with us. Two other nurses were with Jessica – but Jessica showed the leadership. Along came a retired deputy fire chief from Wisconsin, a 30 year EMT. He offered advice and reported to the rescues in route. Stepping in to assist Jessica on the ground was a retired firemen from Anniston. An Army Medic came along – and then a physician. (*What luck in the woods !*) The reason I mention the other medical personnel is to report that they clearly found Jessica's hands-on work and leadership of the situation quite adequate.**

**I sized her up as someone that cares and seeks responsibility. I would like the people that rely on her all the time to know about this incident and her admirable involvement.**

**Regards,**

**Ken Loeb**

