

## **YRMC's Tim Barnett Recognized as "Grassroots Champion" for Arizona**

The American Hospital Association, in partnership with the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, recently honored Tim Barnett, President and CEO of Yavapai Regional Medical Center with their Grassroots Champion Award for 2011.

The American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award was created to recognize outstanding hospital leaders who take an active role in educating elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital and who are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients.

Mr. Barnett was honored for his leadership in generating grassroots and community activity in support of Yavapai Regional Medical Center's mission and his exceptional effort to ensure that YRMC remains a source of compassion and healing for the Quad Cities area. The award is given annually to one person from each state.

"We depend on strong local voices to help tell the story of hospitals as cornerstones of the communities they serve," said Rich Umbdenstock, AHA President and CEO. "This is a small token of our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to improving health and healthcare in America."

"Tim is universally well-respected and an eloquent advocate for YRMC and its patients," said Laurie Liles, Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association President and CEO. "As a prominent business leader in his community, Tim's message has instant credibility with lawmakers. His advocacy has made a real difference in the lives of hospital patients."