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Silverton Native to Direct Women's Health Services

Silverton –As women's health concerns grow in awareness, the industry is recognizing women as a powerful force in the evolution of medicine.

Linda Webb, BSN has joined the staff at Silverton Hospital to make sure women's health issues stay in the public eye. As the new Director of Women's Services, Webb will work to develop programs at the hospital and at Wellspring Medical Center in Woodburn, that educate women in how to maintain their health. "It's about education and empowerment," said Webb. "Women want to be educated about their bodies and this information will help them seek healthier lifestyles."

For Webb, the job at Silverton Hospital is like coming home. After growing up in Silverton and graduating from SUHS, Webb was a full-time mother until her children were high school age. She took a mother's unique perspective – and an interest in women's health issues – and decided to go to nursing school.

"I'd always wanted to pursue a nursing degree," she said. "And when my children were a little older, I decided the time was right." Webb went on to graduate from Linfield Good Samaritan School of Nursing in 1994.

Webb worked as a Public Health Nurse at Marion County Health Department for two years, specializing in women's issues for the county, including Maternity Case Management and Breast Health and Screening. She also worked at Woodburn High School as the school nurse for one year and loved it. "What a great community," said Webb.

Webb began at Silverton Hospital in 1994 as a Labor and Delivery Nurse. "I absolutely loved that job," said Webb. "It's still great when local families recognize me and tell their children, 'That's the one that helped you enter this world.' It is probably the most meaningful work I've ever done."

Webb's desire to improve the birth experience for families earned her a promotion to manager of the Family Birth Center. She was instrumental in the design and construction of the new FBC wing and, over the next five years, guided the staff in developing unique programs such as Babies And Breastfeeding Information Education and Support (BABIES). The innovative programs are still in place and continue to make Silverton Hospital's FBC a success. "It's still such a special place," said Webb.

For the past four years, Webb has worked at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital, first as a Birth Center Manager in Portland and most recently as Manager of Women's Services for Legacy's five Portland-area hospitals.

Now, at Silverton Hospital, Webb will use that experience to develop women's programs and promote the community's interest in being champions for their own health. At Wellspring Medical Center, opening later this year in Woodburn, Webb will play a key role in developing the spa, aesthetics and plastics surgery center and the integrative medicine clinic.

After a few years spent commuting to Portland, Webb is glad to be back serving the hometown in which she and her husband Jim have continued to live. "I really missed working in my community," said Webb. "It's good to be home."

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Caption: Linda Webb, BSN has been appointed Director of Women's Services for Silverton Hospital and Wellspring Medical Center.