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Dear Willow Award Committee,

I am honored to nominate the **Conway Regional Labor and Delivery Team** for the Willow Award in recognition of the extraordinary compassion, dignity, and care they provided to our family during one of the most heartbreaking experiences of our lives.

At 20 weeks' gestation, our son, August, was diagnosed with Potter's Syndrome. Although we knew the prognosis was devastating, we trusted God with our journey and cherished every day we were given with him. I carried August for 34 weeks, and on November 4, 2020, I gave birth to our beautiful son. We were blessed with one hour and ten precious minutes with him before he went to be with the Lord.

No parent can truly prepare for a moment like that. Yet throughout our experience, God placed an incredible team of caregivers around us. The staff at Conway Regional became His hands and feet, surrounding us with kindness, grace, and unwavering support during the most difficult season of our lives.

What touched us most was the way every member of the team acknowledged August as our son and treated him with dignity and respect. Each nurse addressed him by name and cared for him as a cherished child of God, not simply a patient or a diagnosis. Even after he passed, they continued to speak to him and handle him as though he was alive and with the same tenderness and love.

Because of their compassion, we were given the gift of time. We were allowed to bathe August, rock him, sing to him, hold him, and spend as much time with him as we wanted. Those moments are among the most treasured memories we have as his parents. The staff never rushed us. Instead, they created a peaceful space where we could love our son, grieve together, and embrace every precious moment we had with him.

The kindness we experienced extended far beyond the nursing staff. Everyone we encountered, from the nurses and physicians to the environmental services team, treated us with utmost compassion. We felt supported, cared for, and carried through our unimaginable loss. I would especially like to recognize my **OB-GYN, Dr. Keitha Holland**, whose empathy, grace, guidance, and support were invaluable throughout our journey.

While August's life on earth was brief, it was meaningful beyond words. The Conway Regional Labor and Delivery Team helped us honor his life and create beautiful memories that we will cherish forever. In the midst of profound sorrow, they brought comfort, peace, and even moments of joy. We firmly believe God was present throughout August's story, and we are deeply grateful for the people He placed in our path during that time.

The Conway Regional Labor and Delivery Team made the most difficult and tragic experience of our lives as beautiful and gentle as it could possibly have been. Their care went far beyond medical treatment—it was a reflection of compassion, humanity, and the love of our Wise God at a time when we needed it most.

For their unwavering kindness, their respect for our son, and the lasting impact they made on our family, I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of a Willow Award than the Conway Regional Labor and Delivery Team.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Lauren and Bradly Brogdon

Parents to James “August” Brogdon