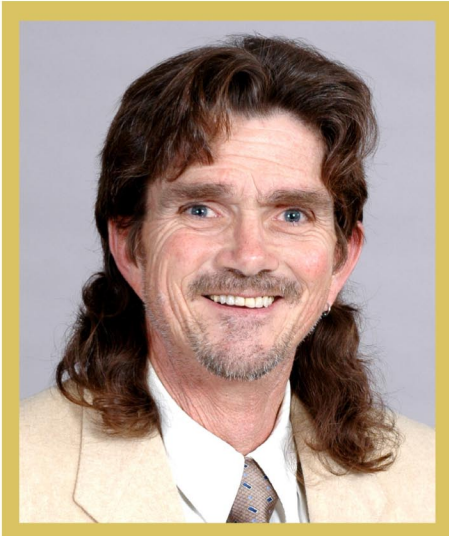




2010 TENET HEROES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Mark Chambers, RN
Desert Regional Medical Center
Registered Nurse, 1996

Mark was on his way to visit a hospice patient when he came across a group of people on the side of the road. No vehicle accident was apparent, but it was obvious that an individual was down, amongst several bystanders. As he approached the scene, he realized a child had been hit by a car. Though currently a registered nurse, Mark has prior training as a firefighter/EMT. With no other emergency services on the scene and no other individuals taking the lead, Mark sprang into action.

A two-year-old child, who had wandered from her grandmother, lay lifeless in the road. The vehicle that hit her had left the scene. Bystanders, not knowing what to do, had covered the girl with a blanket and were directing traffic as they waited for emergency services to arrive. Mark immediately began CPR and was later joined by two other individuals. When the air- evacuation service arrived, they were able to get the child breathing on her own as they transported her to a nearby hospital. The child passed away 12 hours later but not before her mother was able to see her, alive, in the hospital.

In discussing this incident, Mark simply said, "It was the right thing to do. Anyone else would have done the same thing." His immediate attention was instrumental in providing the time necessary to allow emergency services to arrive, which in turn provided the additional time necessary for the little girl's mother to see her alive, one last time.

"Mark is one terrific person; that's why he is being recognized. He understands the sensitive issues surrounding medical care, and he is always willing to step in to help others. It is part of his being," said Rebecca Dierker, director of hospice.