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ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS

(LANCASTER, CA – November 19, 2009) – Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH) recently recognized 25 Volunteer Chaplains who volunteered 2,582 hours of their time over the past year attending to patients' spiritual needs. AVH is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley which means treating the whole person: body, mind and spirit.

AVH Coordinating Chaplain Jeffrey Elmore knows the value that volunteers provide and how much they mean to patients. "The Pastoral Care Department's Annual Recognition Dinner celebrates the accomplishments of our 25 volunteer chaplains," said Elmore. Chaplain Elmore appreciates the wonderful, dedicated and compassionate people willing to serve year after year. "Visiting the sick and injured isn't for everyone, but for those who embrace our motto: *Passion for God, Compassion for People*, such service expresses their innermost values," said Elmore.

A new component was added this year. In addition to recognizing volunteers' hours of service over the course of their volunteer career, which range from 50 to 2,100 hours, volunteers were also recognized for their years of service, which range from 5 to 30 years. Gifts and certificates were awarded to each volunteer at the dinner.

"The Volunteer Chaplains provide an invaluable service to the hospital's patients," said Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer. "They compliment the clinical care by offering spiritual support to patients in need."

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For more information on volunteering for the Chaplain Department at AVH, please call Chaplain Elmore at (661) 949-5005.

About Antelope Valley Hospital

Celebrating more than 50 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. AV Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For further information, please visit www.avhospital.org or call 661-949-5000.

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