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ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL NURSES TO ASSIST WITH HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

(LANCASTER, CA – January 15, 2010) — In response to this week's earthquake in Haiti, Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH) will release four nurses to help with relief efforts. AVH is working with the California Nurses Association (CNA) on a phased approach in which the nurses will assist with relief over time. AVH will provide each nurse with a maximum of 30 days of paid leave while they tend to victims of the earthquake, and the CNA will arrange their travel and accommodations through the RN Response Network (RNRN).



Colleen Sichley (left), Lunie Dorcin (front, center) and Don Phillips (right) gather in front of AV Hospital.

The first AVH nurse to depart this Sunday, January 17, is Lunie Dorcin, RN. She was born in Haiti and has lived in the U.S. for five years. Her family lives in Cap-Haitian and Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She has worked at AV Hospital for nine months on the Progressive Care Unit. Colleen Sichley, RN and Don Phillips, RN will also travel to Haiti to help. Their departure dates have not been set.

"Extraordinary individuals are the first to offer help when disaster strikes," says Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer. "I would like to thank our nurses for volunteering to assist with victims of the earthquake."

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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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