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ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$42,500 GRANT FOR SART CENTER

(LANCASTER, CA – January 12, 2010) — Antelope Valley Hospital recently received a grant in the amount of \$42,500 from the Verizon Foundation. The grant will benefit the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center by providing forensic nurse examiners the required training and continuing education needed to expand SART services to include all victims of domestic violence.

“There is a tremendous need for expanded medical forensic services in the Antelope Valley,” says Mary Reina, Director of the SART Center. “The Verizon grant will lay the foundation for a program expansion of the SART Center to include the medial/forensic needs of victims of domestic violence.”

The Antelope Valley has the highest number of reported domestic violence cases in Los Angeles County, so the grant will be used for a series of training courses which will enhance the SART Center’s designation as a Center of Excellence. In addition, the grant will provide a second hi-tech, forensic camera system to be used for domestic violence cases, as well as a portable documentation station.

“AVH is thankful for Verizon’s support which will allow the SART Center to expand and enhance the services offered to the community,” says Edward Mirzabegian, AVH Chief Executive Officer.

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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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