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American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes Valley Hospital for 2015 Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award

Valley Hospital, of Ridgewood, New Jersey was presented the Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award at the AHNA 35th annual conference in Branson, Missouri June 12-17, 2015. The Institutional Excellence award recognizes and rewards an institution's incorporation of holistic nursing practices demonstrating the core values of holistic nursing and outstanding professionalism. The institution selected will have implemented innovative holistic approaches that will offer substantive advantages to patients, staff and the institution itself.

About Valley Hospital
The Valley Hospital of Ridgewood, New Jersey is the first recipient of the Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award for their continuing focus on integrating holistic nursing practice within their hospital and community, which has become a part of their everyday culture. Valley Hospital has a long-standing partnership with the BirchTree Center for Healthcare Transformation. They have many educational opportunities for their nurses including the Integrative Healing Arts Academy through BirchTree, Foundations of Holistic Practice and Care, and Beyond the Gray, a quarterly book club open to all healthcare personnel. Valley Hospital has 56 board-certified holistic nurses on staff and provides a number of holistic programs for their patients as well, one being a full-time nurse-run Integrative Healing Service, which has been operational for more than 10 years and is currently managed by two Integrative Healing Practitioners who are board certified holistic nurses. Other programs available at the facility are the nurse-run Outpatient Heart Failure Program, with the goal of optimizing clinical excellence and health/wellbeing in order to prevent readmissions; and "Thrive!" a nurse-led outpatient program that is focused on women's health issues, education, and wellness. Valley Hospital also has a Bedside Harp program that provides live harp music for patients and employees.

About AHNA
At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This non-profit professional membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.
AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services almost 4,500 members through 143 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.

Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

The American Holistic Nurses Association’s Education Provider Committee is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission (ANCC) on Accreditation.

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