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**CHANDLER REGIONAL AND MERCY GILBERT MEDICAL CENTERS ARE
LOOKING FOR SUMMERTIME “VOLUNTEENS”**

CHANDLER and GILBERT, Ariz. (March 24, 2010) – School will soon be out for summer and Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers, members of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), are looking for students between the ages of 14 to 18 who are interested in helping others, gaining work experience and making new friends at either hospital or one of the CHW Urgent Care centers in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek.

“We have a variety of volunteer service opportunities available this summer for our Volunteens,” said Barb Farmer, manager of Volunteer Services for CHW. “Volunteering for CHW is a great opportunity for teenagers to get an inside look at what it’s like to work in the healthcare industry, and at the same time make an important and positive impact on our patients, staff and visitors.”

Some of the service areas where Volunteens can participate include: delivering flowers, mail and newspapers; working in the gift shop; performing clerical duties; assisting at the nursing stations; and running miscellaneous errands around the medical centers.

“Some volunteers really enjoy working the information desk or helping people shop in the gift shop, while others prefer performing administrative duties such as making copies, filing, and helping with data entry projects,” said Farmer. “We want to make this a fun, positive experience for our Volunteens and possibly ignite a passion for their future career.” We also offer educational sessions for the teens such as tours of the medical centers and presentations by various departments including, respiratory therapy, medivac demonstrations, patient feeding training, and more.

In addition to a positive attitude, smile and enthusiasm, CHW requires Volunteens to serve a minimum of 40 hours over the summer. Upon successful completion of the program, they will receive a certificate, a copy of their hours, and a letter of recommendation. To learn more about how you can become a

Volunteer, please visit www.ChandlerRegional.org or www.MercyGilbert.org, select Volunteer Information on the left-hand navigation bar and then select Application Information. The Volunteer application is due April 1, 2010.

We look forward to providing you an experience that will be both educational and community service.

About Chandler Regional Medical Center

Chandler Regional Medical Center is a 225-bed, acute-care, non-for-profit provider of emergency care, maternal child services, cardiovascular services, wound healing, cancer treatment, diabetes treatment, and diagnostic services. It is located at 475 S. Dobson Road (corner of Dobson Road and Frye Road) in Chandler. For more information, please visit www.chandlerregional.org or call 480.728.3000. Chandler Regional Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit www.chwcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact the ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414 or e-mail resourcelink@chw.edu.

About Mercy Gilbert Medical Center

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is located at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and Loop 202 (south of Pecos Road and east of Val Vista Drive). Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is a four-story, full-service acute-care facility with 212 beds. For more information, please visit MercyGilbert.org or call 480.728.8000. Mercy Gilbert Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE). For employment opportunities, please visit CHWcareers.org/arizona. For information on physician referrals or community classes and support groups, please contact ResourceLink toll-free at 1.877.728.5414.

About Catholic Healthcare West

Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., is a system of 41 hospitals and medical centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Founded in 1986, it is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest private hospital system in California. CHW is committed to delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care services with special attention to the poor and underserved. The CHW network of nearly 10,000 physicians and approximately 54,000 employees provides health care services to more than five million people annually. In 2009, CHW provided nearly \$1.2 billion in charity care, community benefit, and unreimbursed patient care. For more information, please visit our website at www.chwHEALTH.org. CHW facilities in Arizona include Chandler Regional Medical Center, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, CHW Urgent Cares in Ahwatukee, Gilbert and Queen Creek, Warner Outpatient Surgery and the Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.chwHEALTH.org.