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**San Antonio Regional Hospital Receives Excellence In Spiritual Care Award
from the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™**

UPLAND, CA – January 15, 2025 – San Antonio Regional Hospital has been presented with an *Excellence in Spiritual Care Award* by the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN). The award signifies that San Antonio Regional Hospital has met HCCN’s national standards of excellence in spiritual care and represents the hospital’s commitment to identifying and addressing the spiritual and religious needs of patients and their families through best practices in spiritual care.

San Antonio Regional Hospital has a robust Spiritual Care Department with the mission of providing comfort and support to those facing illness and grief by offering chaplain services and support to patients, families, and San Antonio Care Team members. In addition to a full-time Board-Certified Staff Chaplain, San Antonio Regional Hospital is lucky to have 12 amazing Spiritual Care Volunteers who receive weekly ongoing education and training. The hospital also has strong relationships with local churches from several denominations who have agreed to come to the hospital to respond to the needs of patients from their spiritual community.

In addition to providing emotional and spiritual support, San Antonio’s Spiritual Care Department offers spiritual resources and consults on ethical issues, end of life decisions, and serve as liaisons between the medical team, families, and faith communities. Providing quality spiritual care has been demonstrated to improve patient outcomes, shorten hospital stays, increase patient and employee satisfaction, reduce anxiety, and improve the overall experience during a hospital admission.

“It has been an honor to take an active role in building the Spiritual Care Department at San Antonio Regional Hospital,” states Rev. Alexander J. Aaron, Rev. M.Div, BCC, Staff Chaplain. “From a program that relied mainly on a handful of volunteers, to one that utilizes evidence-based practices, provides in-depth training to Spiritual Care Volunteers, employs only board-certified Chaplains, and now has received the prestigious *Excellence in Spiritual Care Award*. We are truly blessed.”

About San Antonio Regional Hospital

San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland, California is a 363-bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological

advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women's health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services. Founded in 1907, with only 18 beds and 5 physicians, San Antonio Regional Hospital is continually growing with its community and is now recognized as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. Given its broad geographic reach and the depth and breadth of its services and programs, supported by the latest medical science and technology, San Antonio is a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art healthcare services in a healing environment focused on the patient and family. To learn more, visit sarh.org.

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