Eisenhower Designated a Leader in LGBT Health Care Equality

Only Valley Hospital to Earn Designation

Eisenhower Medical Center has been recognized as a *Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality* in the Healthcare Equality Index 2013, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization. Eisenhower earned top marks for its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who can face significant challenges in securing adequate health care.

"Eisenhower Medical Center is dedicated to providing the safest and highest level of care possible," says Martin Massiello, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Eisenhower Medical Center. "To achieve that means providing equal treatment to each and every patient and employee. Being recognized as a *Le* *Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality* underscores Eisenhower Medical Center's commitment to not only our patients and staff, but also to the LGBT community in the Coachella Valley."

Eisenhower Medical Center was one of a select group of 464 health care facilities nationwide to be named Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality. Facilities awarded this title meet key criteria for equitable care, including non-discrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees, a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents, and LGBT health education for key staff members.

Shane Snowdon, HRC's Health & Aging Director lauded Eisenhower's efforts. "LGBT patients deeply appreciate the welcoming environment provided by a Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality," says Snowdon. "It makes a big difference to know that your local healthcare facility is fully committed to giving you the same care it gives your neighbors and co-workers."

For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2013, or to download a free copy of the report, visit www.hrc.org/hei.
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