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**VALLEY HEALTH CEO, STEVE SHATTLIS RECOGNIZED FOR HEALTHCARE
ADVOCACY**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Valley Health is pleased to congratulate Chief Executive Officer, Steve Shattlis, for his recognition as one of the National Association of Community Health Centers' 2010 Betsey K. Cooke Advocacy MVPs.

Shattlis was honored at the NACHC award ceremony February 25, for his commitment toward health center advocacy throughout 2009. Having worked for more than 30 years, he has helped Valley Health grow to be one of the largest networks of community health centers in the nation, reaching more than 68,000 patients each year.

The NACHC looks to Shattlis for input on national healthcare policy. As chair of the public policy and government relations committee for the Primary Care Association, Shattlis is a leader in West Virginia healthcare policy. Each year the NACHC recognizes recipients who exemplify extraordinary achievement in promoting community health centers in Congress.

“Community health centers have initiated numerous great changes within the healthcare industry since their establishment, and I feel extremely grateful to have the opportunity to act as a voice for a cause that helps so many throughout our area as well as the rest of the nation,” Shattlis said.

The NACHC works with organizations like Valley Health to combat the lack of affordable, quality healthcare, particularly in underserved areas of the country. Serving more than 20 million people, the NACHC has more than 7,000 locations nationwide. As a network of community health centers, Valley Health has 28 locations throughout southwestern West Virginia and southern Ohio, providing primary and preventive healthcare services to underserved areas with more than 200,000 patient encounters annually.

For more information about Valley Health's community health centers or the services offered, please call 304-525-3334 or visit www.valleyhealth.org.

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Valley Health is an integrated network of 28 primary healthcare centers and public health programs in southwestern West Virginia and southern Ohio that serves more than 68,000 patients each year. The Valley Health medical staff includes doctors, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and midwives. Valley Health offers services including family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dentistry, psychiatry, pharmacy services, laboratory services, X-rays and ultrasounds. For more information about Valley Health, contact Lanie Masilamani, chief operating officer, at 304-525-3334 or visit www.valleyhealth.org.