



# St. Elizabeth Community Hospital

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### St. Elizabeth Community Hospital Awarded National Best Places to Work

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**Red Bluff, California (September 11, 2009)** – Modern Healthcare announced St. Elizabeth Community Hospital as one of the recipients in its second annual list of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare. Three hundred and seventeen healthcare companies participated in this year’s healthcare workplace listing – an increase of 34% (or 80 companies) over 2008. Modern Health care will reveal the specific ranking of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare from 1 to 100, in a special supplement to be published October 26, 2009. The supplement will recognize the top places to work by industry segment (provider, payer and vendor) and by number of employees, and will profile some of the recipients.

Dena Platz, Director of Human Resources at St. Elizabeth proudly announced the achievement to employees during the annual Values in Action Awards ceremony, “This is an outstanding achievement that our team can proudly stand by as we continue to strive for providing the best employment experience to our team.” St. Elizabeth participated in the survey for the first time this year and was one of four Catholic Healthcare West facilities to be named in the list. Tonyia Barajas of the Health Information Management



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Team explains, “It (St. E's) is a TEAM of workers, sort of like a machine. If we don't work together it won't work. Each department has its' place and really not one is more important than the other. Our hospital does this with such ease. We all seem to understand this and for the most part we work together so well. I feel appreciated and valued not just by my immediate supervisor but all the way up the chain, it's a good feeling. I NEVER dread coming to work.” Cydne Lampron, of Nutrition Services, adds, “I like that we are a smaller hospital that feels like home, friendly coworkers and more personal care of staff and patients. I brag that we have all private patient rooms and take extra care of our patients.”

### **About St. Elizabeth Community Hospital and the Maternal Child Department**

St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, a recent recipient of the Thomson 100 Top Hospitals: Benchmarks for Success award for a third year in a row, and the Thomson Reuters Performance Improvement Leaders award, brings state-of-the-art health care to Tehama and Glenn Counties. This hospital, with 76 licensed beds and a trauma level 3, offers advanced services including endoscopic and laser surgery. St. Elizabeth Community Hospital provides critical, adult, pediatric and maternity care, as well as Home Health and Hospice programs and includes a state-of-the-art Imaging Center and Outpatient Surgery Center. St. Elizabeth has an award winning orthopedics program featuring water birth, private rooms, midwifery and a team of board certified obstetricians. Over 700 babies a year are born at St. E's supported by a team of 20 nurses with an average of over 30 years experience. St. Elizabeth also enjoys the services of 6 pediatricians and has recently implemented a family centered care program focused on involving past patients in the effort to continuously improve the services provided by the Maternal Child team. The award winning joint replacement program garners much international notoriety and sets the platform for the newly developed sports medicine program. Recently celebrating its one-hundredth year of service, St. Elizabeth Community Hospital is a member of Catholic Healthcare West, the largest not-for-profit health care system in California. In the north state, our CHW partners Mercy Medical Center Redding and Mercy Mt. Shasta provide an extensive network of care, including cardiac care, oncology, specialized services for troubled teens, low income mothers, seniors and the disabled, as well as inpatient and outpatient care.

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