



HEART HOSPITAL
of NEW MEXICO

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**HEART HOSPITAL NAMED BEST PLACE
TO WORK IN NEW MEXICO**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – The Heart Hospital of New Mexico was ranked first among large employers in New Mexico as the state’s “Best Place to Work 2006.” This was based on a comprehensive employee survey sponsored by *New Mexico Business Weekly*. The award acknowledges a company’s achievements in creating a positive work environment that not only attracts employees, but also retains them. The Heart Hospital will host a thank you event for employees on January 11th from 5-7 pm at their facility at 504 Elm St. NE to celebrate this recognition.

Heart Hospital employees cited flexible work schedules, employee-driven work standards and commitment to patient care as critical to their job satisfaction. The Heart Hospital also offers reimbursements for licensures, certifications and tuition reimbursement for nursing education for household members of employees; full vestment for the company portion of 401(k) upon enrollment and employee appreciation lunches and other recognition.

“It is rare to work for an institution so committed to its mission and to its employees. The Heart Hospital has created a company culture and work environment that makes it a pleasure to come to work every day,” said Martha Holder, an RN at the Heart Hospital. “Because they value us as employees, we are naturally able to do a better job at valuing our patients and their families and providing them with top notch care.”

“We are proud of this distinction and especially pleased because the award is based on feedback from our employees,” said Terry Odom, Heart Hospital Interim CEO. “We will continue to strive to improve the environment and to be a place that attracts the best and the brightest because employee satisfaction is a key component to providing first-rate patient care. Our employees show tireless dedication to healing hearts and are the ones that make the Heart Hospital such an exceptional facility for our patients.”

The Heart Hospital of New Mexico was established in 1999, through a joint effort between the state's leading cardiology and cardiovascular surgery groups, as an entire medical facility dedicated to fighting heart disease. Located on an 8 acre campus near downtown Albuquerque, it is the state's first free-standing heart facility, dedicated to providing the most advanced, patient-centered, family-centered care for the region. Services include comprehensive cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, a full range of community and patient education and cardiac rehabilitation. For more information, go to www.hearthospitalnm.com.

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