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## **Scottsdale Healthcare honored for commitment to air quality** *Valley Metro recognizes hospitals' trip reduction program and individual staff member*

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Oct. 28, 2009) – Scottsdale Healthcare's trip reduction program and one of its staff members—who has logged more than 50,000 miles on the bus and 10,000 miles of walking during the past 10 years in his commute to work—were honored during Valley Metro's recent 2009 Clean Air Campaign Awards.

Scottsdale Healthcare won in the category of Outstanding Trip Reduction Program for private organizations with more than 500 employees. Staff member Roman Kludka was named Outstanding Commuter in the transit user category.

Scottsdale Healthcare offers staff members free bus cards and 100 percent subsidies for vanpooling, resulting in more than 800 active bus card users and six vanpools. As part of its Trip Reduction Program, shower facilities, secure bike lockers, preferred covered parking for carpools and vanpools, intercampus shuttles, on-site daycare and special promotions also are provided.

"Scottsdale Healthcare does everything it can to help employees commute easier and clean the air," said Kludka, who works in the hospital's information technology area.

Kludka started taking the bus as part of his commute to Scottsdale Healthcare a decade ago. His wife drives him to the bus stop in the morning and Kludka takes the bus home--walking the 2.5 miles between the stop and his house, even in the summer.

"We do all we can to minimize our total miles driven so we can keep our fuel cost to the absolute minimum and the air pollution down," said Kludka, who estimates his monthly fuel consumption at about 20 gallons of gas.

Scottsdale Healthcare ([www.shc.org](http://www.shc.org)) is the not-for-profit parent organization of Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center, Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center, Scottsdale Healthcare Thompson Peak Hospital, Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center, Scottsdale Clinical Research Institute, TGen Clinical Research Services at Scottsdale Healthcare, Scottsdale Healthcare Home Health Services, Scottsdale Healthcare Community Health Services, NOAH Clinics and Scottsdale Healthcare Foundation. Scottsdale Healthcare ER wait times are updated every three minutes at [www.fastERtimes.org](http://www.fastERtimes.org).

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