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**Sierra Tucson Achieves Hospital Accreditation,
Now Holds Dual Accreditation by the Joint Commission**

(Tucson, AZ, January 26, 2009) -- Sierra Tucson, a premier treatment center dedicated to the prevention, education, and treatment of addictions and behavioral disorders, today announced the achievement of accreditation as a "Hospital" by the Joint Commission. The accreditation endorses their long-standing dual state licensure as a Special Hospital and a Level 1 Psychiatric Acute Hospital. An internationally renowned treatment center, Sierra Tucson now holds twofold Accreditation by the Joint Commission, having long ago acquired accreditation for "Behavioral Health Care."

The extended Joint Commission survey, which was completed October 31, 2008, acknowledged Sierra Tucson's staff for their hard work and dedication to the highest quality of care. Robert R. Johnson, D.O., Medical Director, praised the Sierra Tucson staff for their commitment and for giving patients "hope, perspective and direction." He stated, "Sierra Tucson's staff are intentional about connecting with people. We are here to bring healing, restoration and transformational potential into the lives of the patients we are blessed to work with."

A premier facility for treating coexisting disorders, Sierra Tucson is known for their holistic, bio-psycho-social-spiritual treatment approach. Individualized treatment plans incorporate 12-Step philosophy, a wide variety of innovative and integrative therapies, a Family Program, and a combination of Western and Eastern Medicine practices. As a hospital, Sierra Tucson employs full-time medical staff as a key part of their multidisciplinary treatment team. Specialized programs include:

- Alcohol & Chemical Dependency
- Mood & Anxiety Disorders
- Sexual Compulsivity
- Complex Assessment & Diagnosis
- Pain Management
- Eating Disorders
- Trauma Recovery
- Progressions, for advanced recovery skills

Sierra Tucson is celebrating 25 years of "Compassionate Care and Clinical Excellence." Located on 160 acres at the foot of the Santa Catalina Mountains near Tucson, Arizona, this exceptional facility offers a beautiful natural healing environment and the highest level of confidentiality. For more information about Sierra Tucson or its programs, please call 800-842-4487 or visit www.SierraTucson.com.

Sierra Tucson is a member of CRC Health Group, the most comprehensive network of specialized behavioral care services in the nation. CRC offers the largest array of personalized treatment options, allowing individuals, families, and professionals to choose the most appropriate treatment setting for their behavioral, addiction, weight management and therapeutic education needs. CRC is committed to making its services widely and easily available, while maintaining a passion for delivering advanced treatment. For over two decades, CRC programs have helped individuals and families reclaim and enrich their lives. For more information, visit www.crchealth.com.

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