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Adventist Health Named Among Nation's Home Care Elite

Seven Adventist Health home care agencies were named to the 2010 HomeCare Elite list compiled by Outcome Concept Systems, Inc. (OCS), a Seattle-based company providing data products and benchmark services for home health, hospice and private duty agencies. The listing of the top tier U.S. home health care agencies honors those that rank in the top 25 percent in their region based upon quality of care, quality improvement and financial performance.



The Adventist Health hospital-based agencies named to the list include:

Adventist Health/Home Care Services – Bakersfield, California (San Joaquin Community Hospital)
Adventist Health/Home Care Services – Glendale, California (Glendale Adventist Medical Center)
Adventist Health/Home Care Services – Portland, Oregon (Adventist Medical Center-Portland)
Adventist Health/Home Care Services – Simi Valley, California (Simi Valley Hospital)
Adventist Health/Home Care Services – Tillamook, Oregon (Tillamook County General Hospital)
Adventist Health/Home Care Services – Walla Walla, Washington (Walla Walla General Hospital)
St. Helena Hospital/Home Health Services – St. Helena, California (St. Helena Hospital)

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About the photo: Home Care Elite list compiled by Outcome Concept Systems, Inc. cited the Portland Oregon Adventist Health/Home Care Services in the Adventist Medical Center, in the top 500.



News Notes

Adults Wanted for an Avocado Research Study

The department of nutrition at Loma Linda University School of Public Health is conducting a research study to evaluate the effect of avocados on health. Participants must be between 25 and 54 years old and overweight, but with a stable weight for the last six months. Participants should have low levels of regular activity and not be involved in sports. Participants must be non-smokers and not be dependent on caffeine (occasional coffee, tea, and soda is fine).

Persons interested in participating in the study and who meet the criteria are encouraged to submit an application. Please visit www.llu.edu/public-health/nutrition for application instructions. For those without Internet access, an application can be mailed to you. Please call the study message phone at (909) 558-4300 extension 47170 and provide your name, address, and phone number. All study participants will receive free study-related exams, meals, and modest monetary compensation.

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Montana Conference Elects Merlin Knowles President

The Montana Conference executive committee, meeting Monday, Oct. 18, in Bozeman, Mont., elected Merlin L. Knowles as conference president. Knowles, who currently serves as executive secretary for the Northern New England Conference, has accepted the invitation to join the Montana Conference. He hopes to arrive sometime in November to fill the administrative role left open since former president John Loo Jr., assumed the position of North Pacific Union Conference executive secretary earlier this month. Knowles expects to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree in family ministry by year end. He and his wife, Cheryl, are well-known for their joint seminars on marriage and family issues. [Read more](#)

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Andrews Sophomore Wins Prestigious American Chemical Society Scholarship

Andrews University sophomore Luis Garibay is a 2010 American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholar. The scholarship was announced in August and carries an award of \$5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable through Garibay's fourth year of college.

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Friday Facts Archives

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Presidents' Colloquium and Dinner

Philanthropic Service for Institutions will host its Presidents' Colloquium and Dinner November 7–9 in conjunction with the NAD Year-end Meeting at the GC World Headquarters.

All union, conference, collegiate, and healthcare presidents and their chief philanthropy officers, chief financial officers, and education directors are invited. Our focus is *The Future Isn't What It Used to Be: The Church and Funding—Illusion or Reality?* The changing patterns and habits of Adventist giving affect not just our churches and members but other Adventist organizations as well. What is the sustainable future of Adventist organizations? Is sustainability attainable or an illusion under current circumstances and practices?

If you would like to attend the colloquium but have not yet received an invitation, please contact Chris Bearce at chris.bearce@nad.adventist.org or 301.680.6133.

Pictures of the Spanish NET 2010

Send the pictures of the families you are studying with and of your church during the NET meetings to [Sandra Juárez](#).

If your church or small group is participating in the Spanish NET register them in the [Esperanza TV website](#).

It is important to register participating homes, small groups and churches so that those who do not own an antenna can participate in the NET.

Free 2010 NAD Report DVDs

Free copies of the 2010 NAD Report presented in Atlanta, Ga., are still available in the NAD Office of Communication. To order a copy, call the Office of Communication 301.680.6412 or e-mail laura.samano@nad.adventist.org If you leave a message or e-mail please provide contact information and mailing address.



Sabbath School

Established as a major setting for religious education in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath school exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its website provides tools for Sabbath School programs in local churches. Click [here](#) to visit the website. To visit the NAD Adult Ministries website click [here](#).

To download adult Sabbath School materials click [here](#) and look under "Adult Sabbath School Materials" and click and save the compressed file.

Hope Channel

Hope Channel is the global television network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Its website provides programming schedules and links to Hope Channel broadcasting in English and other languages. Click [here](#) to visit the network's site.

Click [here](#) to view schedules for Hope Channel and Hope Church Channel.

Adventist News Network

Launched in 1994, Adventist News Network (ANN) is the official news service of the denomination and a service of the Communication Department of the church's world headquarters. Click [here](#) to visit the site.

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries in the North American Division exists to encourage, equip, promote, and challenge Adventist women in their journey as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His Church and to bring women's unique perspectives to the issues facing the Church. Click [here](#) to view the NAD Women's Ministries website.



Crossroads of Peril and Promise *a National Summit on Adventist Education*

October 20–23
to register click [here](#) or call 951.785.2266

Celebration of Creation

October 22–23
Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church. For more information click [here](#) or contact info@grisda.org

Celebration of Creation *airing*

October 22
Live from Andrews University on the Hope Church Channel
10 am–1 pm; 3–5 pm; 6–8 pm.

French NET

Oct. 22– Nov. 23

Fri. Sat.Sun. and Wed. 7–8:30 pm ET. Broadcasted by Esperanza TV

Youth Leadership Development Summit

October 22–24

in Andrews University Sponsored by The Center for Youth Evangelism. For more information click [here](#)

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November 7–9

in the General Conference World Headquarters hosted by the Philanthropic Service for Institutions. e-mail [Chris Bearce](mailto:Chris.Bearce) or call 301.680.6133

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