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Uvalde Resident Wins Health Care Award

*Rudy Pruneda recognized by wound care industry leader as
Implementation Director of the Year*

Uvalde Texas (March 1, 2009) –Former Uvalde resident Rudy Pruneda has been honored as Implementation Director of the Year by National Healing Corporation (NHC), a leader in disease management accounting for more than 30 percent of the nation's managed and outsourced wound healing centers.

NHC Chief Operating Officer James M. Tyler presented the award saying, " The implementation process for a new center is comprised of hundreds of tasks that when put together successfully, culminates in the opening of an operational wound center. Rudy enabled National Healing Corporation to exceed hospital expectations and was instrumental in opening 29 wound centers in 2008."

NHC Wound Healing Centers specialize in the treatment of chronic wounds and non-responsive conditions and offer state-of-the-art methodologies and treatments including hyperbaric oxygen therapy, the use of vascular studies, tissue culturing and pathology, revascularization, skin grafting and clinical or surgical debridement.

Accepting the award, Pruneda said, "It is an honor to work with our hospital partners and the dedicated Wound Healing Center teams who share a commitment of service to the communities they serve and a common vision of the importance of state-of-the-art wound care as our country faces the health care challenges of an aging population and growing rates of diabetes and vascular disease."

Pruneda holds a Doctorate in Public Health from the University of North Carolina and is a board certified microbiologist from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia.

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About National Healing Corporation

Founded in 1996 and headquartered in Boca Raton, Fla., with offices in Tampa, Fla., and Louisville, Ky., National Healing Corporation provides management services and the latest technology and expertise in wound healing to its client hospitals to establish quality wound healing programs. The Joint Commission has awarded National Healing Disease-Specific Care Certification for wound care. Committed to health care compliance and best practice medicine, National Healing emphasizes these priorities in its extensive clinical and business training programs. The privately-held company accounts for 30 percent of all managed and outsourced wound centers in the United States. For more information, please visit www.nationalhealing.com.