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### VALLEY HEALTH TEAM OPENS NEW DENTAL CLINIC

KERMAN, Calif., December 21, 2010 –Valley Health Team’s new dental center opened on Monday, December 20, 2010. The new Kerman Dental Center is conveniently located on 171 S. Madera Avenue, west of Fresno off highway 180. The center offers comprehensive dental care to both children and adults and will fill a much-needed gap in oral health care in Kerman and the surrounding region.

Fifty-three million children and adults in the United States have untreated tooth decay in their permanent teeth, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A report released last year by the Central Valley Health Network states that access to dental care is limited in the Central Valley due to the lack of practitioners and structural barriers. Inadequate access to dental care is associated with higher rates of untreated tooth decay and a higher probability of natural tooth loss.

“We have been promoting oral health for years in our primary care clinics,” said Soyla Griffin, chief executive officer of Valley Health Team. “We are delighted to finally be able to expand our services to include dental care with our new dental center and help the community to improve their overall health and well-being.”

The center offers a range of services which include oral exams, dental cleanings, sealants, extractions, emergency dental services, fillings, check-ups, restorative treatment, and oral surgery. The Kerman Dental Center is open to everyone in the community regardless of whether individuals have public, private, or no insurance, and services are affordable since they have a “sliding fee” program for individuals who qualify. The center accepts many insurance plans including Medi-Cal, Medicare, and Healthy Families.

Valley Health Team, Inc. would like to invite the community of Kerman to use their dental services. Walk-ins are always welcome. If you would like more information about the affordable, quality dental services that Kerman Dental Center provides, please contact them at (559) 846-9150.

#### About Valley Health Team

Valley Health Team, Inc. has been serving the San Joaquin Valley since 1973. They provide a comprehensive range of outpatient services to the rural communities of west Fresno County. Today, Valley Health Team, Inc. continues to provide accessible, comprehensive, quality

Primary Care, Dental, Optometric and Ancillary services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner, irrespective of the patient's ability to pay.

For more information about Valley Health Team, Inc, call (559) 693-2462.