



Valley Regional Hospital

Valley Regional Hospital Secures Federal Appropriation

(Claremont, 3/25/09) – Valley Regional Hospital President and CEO Claire Bowen received positive notification yesterday of a \$315,000 federal appropriation, sponsored by Congressman Paul Hodes. The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, signed into law Wednesday by President Obama, granted the funding for Valley Regional Hospital to begin improvement plans for its medical imaging and laboratory departments.

While construction is currently underway at VRH to upgrade the 50-year-old physical plant and create private in-patient accommodations, important equipment and renovations for the medical imaging and laboratory departments had to be removed from the final \$22 million construction plan due to funding constraints.

“This federal appropriation is wonderful news for VRH and the patients we serve,” said Claire Bowen, VRH President & CEO. “The Medical Imaging Department, which includes CT scans, mammography, MRI, X-Rays, and the Laboratory Department are in great need of improvements. The service of providing medical excellence is something we do every day; now we will have an opportunity to provide it in a facility of equal quality.”

VRH’s federal appropriation is just one of several appropriations granted to NH communities, and specifically to Sullivan County. “Healthcare facilities and educational centers are two vital pillars within any community,” commented Claremont City Manager Guy Santagate, upon hearing the news. “When the quality of service and care are exemplary, they become motivating factors in the decision to relocate. With Valley Regional Hospital, we are tremendously fortunate to have such high standards of medical care in a small rural community hospital.”

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Valley Regional Healthcare, operates Valley Regional Hospital, a critical access community hospital, Connecticut Valley Home Care and Hospice, Valley Regional Orthopaedics, Valley Regional Surgical Associates, Associates in Medicine, and the new Valley Regional Primary Care Physicians on Main Street in Newport.