

# 2005 Winner of the *Carter L. Marshall Rural Hospital Quality Award*

## **Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation**



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Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) is a 73-bed, acute-care facility on the Navajo Reservation, serving a large geographic area encompassing 3,576 square miles. The current population of the Tuba City service unit is estimated to be 27,590, with a median age of 24. The population is expected to increase at a 9.9 percent growth rate (twice the overall U.S. rate) to 30,343 by 2015. Opportunities for employment are limited on the Reservation, resulting in 43 percent of individuals living below the poverty level. Many families do not have water or electricity in their homes. In Tuba City, we also serve a large number of Hopi people, as well as members of the San Juan Paiute Tribe.

The hospital staff includes nearly 700 employees and volunteers. There are 57 permanent staff physicians, with 28 associate staff members. Nearly 150 registered nurses are also included in the total staffing for the hospital.

TCRHCC provides a full range of outpatient, inpatient, and ICU care. Surgical services include general, orthopedic, and ENT. Women's health services include routine and specialty gynecologic care, mammography, prenatal care, and birthing/breast-feeding classes. Ancillary services include physical, speech, and occupational therapy, as well as nutrition and dietetics. We have on-site laboratory, radiology, CT, and MRI capabilities. The medical center also serves as a communications hub for northern Arizona's Telemedicine Program.

The medical center is proud of its strong community ties. TCRHCC has a tradition of fostering community wellness through its Health Promotion/Disease Prevention programs and activities, the Diabetes Prevention Program, school-based clinics, and via our active Public Health Nursing Department.