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**SHIELD HEALTHCARE ANNOUNCES STORY CONTEST TO HONOR CAREGIVERS**

Valencia, CA – Shield Healthcare, a leading provider of medical supplies for care at home, is pleased to announce its 9<sup>th</sup> annual story contest on “What Makes Caregiving Rewarding?” designed to recognize and hear the voice of caregivers and home healthcare professionals, featuring celebrity contest judge, Sandra Mitchell of KCAL 9/CBS 2 News. Shield Healthcare understands that caregiving is a demanding job. A significant number of our customers are family caregivers at home, tending to a loved one with a chronic medical condition. They unselfishly take on the challenge and responsibility of meeting the daily health and emotional needs of the person in their care. This story contest is a positive way to recognize and reward this important role. The contest runs through November 30, 2009 in celebration of National Family Caregiver’s Month.

Last year’s winners included 3 mothers of special needs children, a nurse, and a social worker. Winner Susan Agrawal wrote, “Among all the blessings that my daughter has bestowed upon me, seeing her grow through inchstones has granted me the best gift of all: the ability to see wonder and joy in the most unexpected places.”

The top three story winners will receive \$1000 in American Express Gift Cheques and a 1-year subscription to *Today’s Caregiver Magazine*. The two runner-ups will also be awarded the magazine subscription and \$250 in American Express Gift Cheques. All contest entries must be

one-page, typed or hand-written and postmarked by November 30, 2009. Entries should be mailed to Shield Healthcare, Attn: Caring Solutions, 27911 Franklin Parkway, Valencia, CA 91355 or emailed to [caring@shieldhealthcare.com](mailto:caring@shieldhealthcare.com). Full contest details are available on Shield's website at [www.shieldhealthcare.com](http://www.shieldhealthcare.com).

### About Shield Healthcare

Since 1957, Shield Healthcare has been the industry leader focused on meeting the medical supply needs of families and caregivers at home. Shield Healthcare provides high quality disposable medical products including Incontinence, Urological, Ostomy, Enteral Nutrition and Diabetes supplies. In 2007, Shield Healthcare was granted formal accreditation status by the Community Health Accreditation Program's (CHAP) Board of Review signifying its commitment as a leader in providing superior products and service to the home healthcare market. Shield Healthcare operates seven sales locations, serving California, Colorado, Illinois, and Washington.

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