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**AMPUTEE TRANSCONTINENTAL BIKE RIDE
ARRIVES AT HEALTHSOUTH**

MESA, Ariz. – Amputees Across America, a group of amputees making a transcontinental bike ride, will arrive at HealthSouth East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 7th. A welcome reception will be held in honor of the cyclists who are riding in relays across the United States and visiting hospitals to increase public awareness of amputees as people with active lifestyles.

While in Mesa, Amputees Across America members Dick Fate, John Cool and Abel Cruz, will visit HealthSouth patients and members of local support groups to share stories of overcoming their amputation to live healthy, fulfilling lives. The hospital will also celebrate the visit with staff, Mesa Mayor Scott Smith and former patients. The event is open to the community

“We are delighted to host Amputees Across America at our hospital,” says Tim Poore, HealthSouth East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital chief executive officer. “This visit provides an excellent opportunity for our patients as well as our community to see first hand that no physical disability should keep anyone from living an active lifestyle.”

This is the ninth year AAA has made a cross-country journey. The riders departed on June 2, 2010, from HealthSouth Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital in California. To reach their final destination at HealthSouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla., on July 26, 2010, the group will travel 3,500 miles and stop at 20 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospitals in less than 60 days. For more information about this year’s journey and the riders who make it possible, visit www.amputeesacrossamerica.com.

HealthSouth East Valley rehabilitation Hospital is a new 40-bed inpatient hospital that provides a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders, brain and spinal cord injury, amputations and orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions. Accredited by The Joint Commission, the hospital is located at 5652 E. Baseline Rd, Mesa, AZ 85206. Visit www.healthsoutheastvalley.com for more information.

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