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Golf Classic Tees-Up for VHH and Raises \$191,300

(GLENDALE, CA – May 14, 2010) – Community leaders, physicians, sponsors, donors and volunteers of Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) attended the 19th Annual Golf Classic at the Valencia Country Club on May 10, and helped raise funds for the community-based hospital. VHH's major annual fundraiser was a record-breaker, raising \$191,300.

"If it were Baseball, you would say the event was a grand slam; Hockey, a "hat trick"; Basketball, a triple double; Tennis, Wimbledon," said Len LaBella, VHH President and CEO. "This was a golf event that was comparable; a Masters - US and British Open, all in one special event that benefited an equally special hospital with all proceeds going to purchase new state-of-the-art medical equipment."

"I am thrilled with the results of this year's Golf Tournament," said Ron Woodard, MD, Chair of the Golf Tournament Committee. "The event was a record-breaking success due to the incredible efforts of our golf committee members, volunteers and all of the participants – and I'm pleased that the dollars raised will help advance medical technology at VHH and further our vision of medical excellence in the community."

"This year's golf tournament was a huge success, said Bill Baribault, Chair of the VHH Foundation Board. "Thanks to everyone's efforts and generous support, we were able to raise funds for new medical technology at Verdugo that will enable our physicians and nurses to continue to provide high-quality care to each and every patient."

Sue Wilder, Volunteer Chair of the Tournament, said: "I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this event so successful. Many of our volunteers have worked the VHH golf tournament for several years and it is an annual event for them as well. Their ongoing dedication to VHH is very much appreciated."

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The Tournament's top sponsors are: Double Eagle Sponsor – Horizon Health; Eagle Sponsors – Warner Bros. Home Entertainment Group; Surgical Equipment Services, Inc.; The Walt Disney Company; and Technicolor, Inc.

Birdie and other top Tournament sponsors include: Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union; Foothills Emergency Physicians Group; Delta Health Systems; California Healthcare Insurance; Cogdell Spencer ERDMAN; Medline Industries, Inc.; MediaCom West; Marsh; Sue and Steve Wilder; Aon; Thomas and Thomas LLP; Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company, LLP; Sam and Darla Longo; and Robert Schuchard, Davis Wright Tremaine.

Par sponsors include: J's Maintenance; Dr Pepper; Nurses Touch Home Health Care Provider; Kate Kaneko; Verdugo Hills Anesthesia Medical Group ; Angelus Block Co., Inc.; and The Rath, Vollero & Reynolds Group, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Tournament winners: Thad Coontz, Kris Coontz, Ron Sanders, and Steve Bark took first place in the Eagle Flight contest. The Birdie Flight first-place award went to Athena Bradburn, Johnny Bradburn, Mike Blute and Gregg Arnold. The Par Flight first-place winners included Brian Hull, John Genovese, Jamie Mearns and Matr Ruffner.

The Eagle Flight second-place winners included Reggie Webb, Ron White, Phil Guardia and Mark Purdy. The Birdie Flight second-place award went to Steve Wilder, Ben Young, Kevin Dunham and Tim Thalman. The Par Flight second-place winners included Ronald Woodard, M.D., Rex Noble, Michael Stark, M.D., and James Kulczycki, M.D.

The Eagle Flight third-place winners were Jeff Smith, Carl Montgomery, Ted Coyne and Brad King. The Birdie Flight third-place award went to James Martinez, Steve Gupta, M.D., Lance Lee, M.D., and Isaac Bartley, M.D. The Par Flight third-place winners included Nina Hernandez, Bruce Frink, Carl Raggio, III, and Carl Raggio, Jr.

About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is an independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted "Foothills' Best Hospital" by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.