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**VHH Foundation Acknowledges Endowment from
Medical Staff during Banquet**

(GLENDALE, CA – February 6, 2008) – The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation celebrated a donation in the amount of \$47,043 – which was given by the VHH Medical Staff at the end of last year – during the Hospital’s Annual Medical Staff Banquet and Installation of Officers on January 26 at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles.

The Foundation raised \$70,565 in 2007 towards the \$150,000 needed to earn the \$100,000 match from the Medical Staff towards building a Medical Staff Endowment Fund. The endowment will provide annual income for the purchase of capital equipment for the hospital, and create a legacy to meet our patients’ healthcare needs in the future.

"We are grateful for the leadership of the Medical Staff in ensuring the future strength of the hospital through this endowment challenge," said VHH Foundation President Margaret Kean.

More than 120 physicians and their guests as well as Hospital and Foundation board members and Hospital staff attended the western-style cocktail and dinner event.

During the banquet, the following medical staff members were honored for their years of service: The 30-year honorees were: Leo E. Berkenbile, MD; Richard Foullon, MD; William F. Reynolds, MD; Michael A. Stark, MD; Paul H. Toffel, MD; and Leland E. Watkins, MD. The 20-year honorees were: Sharon R. Deacon, PhD; Patricia A. Duarte, MD; John A. Honch, MD; Daniel Levitan, MD; and Henry G. Nebeker, MD.

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In addition, Dr. Leo E. Berkenbile was installed to Chief of Staff for two more years while Dr. Chandnish Ahluwalia was installed to Assistant Chief of Patient Care Services and Dr. William F. Reynolds was installed to Board of Directors.

Hospital and Foundation board members, past chiefs of staff and Caduceus Club members were also recognized during the event.

Furthermore, all present had a wonderful time line-dancing to the Mary White band, participating in a raffle, posing with Dolly Parton and John Wayne look-a-likes, and exploring the American West as they viewed a few of the museum's galleries.

“Everyone seemed to have a great time and the band was fabulous,” said Dr. Berkenbile.

About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The hospital features all private rooms, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

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