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Mary Reichley Earns “Outstanding Volunteer of the Year” Honor

(GLENDALE, CA – November 19, 2007) – Mary Reichley, a longtime member of the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Women's Council, and an active community volunteer, was recognized as the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" during the National Philanthropy Day Gala Celebration and Luncheon on November 14 at the Beverly Hilton. The event, sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and featuring NBC4 News Co-Anchor Chris Schauble as the Master of Ceremonies, honored individuals and groups for their hard work and dedication and recognized those who have enhanced their communities in countless number of philanthropic ways.

For more than four decades, Reichley has been involved in volunteer and philanthropic efforts for numerous organizations in her community. She has been described as a person who always “walks her talk”, influences generations of people and serves as a source of inspiration for all who know her. “The personal rewards I have received from my involvement with various fundraising and volunteer organizations over the past 45 years have added a tremendous dimension to my life,” Reichley said.

One of Reichley’s biggest passions is Verdugo Hills Hospital, and she holds the independent, freestanding community hospital very close to her heart. “My dedication to Verdugo Hills has grown, changed and intensified over the last 37 years,” she said. “I have served in several capacities (at the hospital) – as an employee, board member, Emeritus Council member, donor and volunteer.”

“Our vision at Verdugo Hills is to create a healthcare environment that compels patients and staff to become ambassadors for the hospital,” Reichley said. “My enthusiasm and dedication for this community hospital and all that it can offer has stayed strong even since retiring from my position as Director of Volunteer Services.”

“Mary is a wonderful asset to Verdugo Hills Hospital and the Foundation,” said Margaret Kean, Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation President. “Mary’s energy and enthusiasm is contagious and very much appreciated. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Mary for all that

she does for us, and we are so pleased that AFP recognized Mary for her outstanding volunteer efforts.”

Reichley is on the Board of Directors of Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation. She serves on the Hospital Foundation’s Governance Committee, which is in charge of selecting new board members and deciding on the board’s policies. She also sits on the Planned Giving Committee, the group which works to cultivate supporters and donors to the hospital. In addition, she is a member of the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Women’s Council, continuously helping with fundraising efforts, and the Emeritus Council. Reichley founded the Volunteer Services Program at Verdugo Hill Hospital in 1972.

For Reichley, an important part of her volunteer work is her involvement with the Women’s Council, which offers tremendous support to the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation. “I treasure being involved with such a dynamic group of professional women,” she said.

In her 45 years living in the Foothills community, Reichley has been involved with many organizations. She has served as the President of the California Federated Junior Women’s Club and started a Soroptimist International Auxiliary Service Club of Montrose under the Glendale Chapter and a Youth Employment Service in Montrose for the Foothills.

“We pass through life but once,” Reichley said. “The opportunity to plant a seed of giving and watch that seed grow and flourish is a wondrous sight.”

The Verdugo friends on deck to cheer Reichley on her recognition day included: Paul Reichley, Nila Barkley, Kent and Judy Frewing, Veloris Lang, Joann Merrick, Kay and Tom Stoeber, Verdugo Hills Hospital CEO and President Len LaBella, Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation President Margaret Kean, Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Director of Annual Giving Jennifer Berger, Joyce Ruygrok, Rich and Debbie Harris, Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Chris Mason, Ruth McNevin, Kare Knueven, Carl Raggio, Teri Rice, Mindy Stein and Art Trinkle.

Verdugo Hills Hospital was a Gold Sponsor of National Philanthropy Day.

Established in 1974, the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation’s mission is to raise and manage funds for the benefit of Verdugo Hills Hospital, enabling it to meet the healthcare needs of the Foothill communities. The Foundation Board’s goal is to raise \$1.4 million this year toward the purchase of digital mammography equipment, nursing education and state-of-the-art surgical services. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation office at 818.952.2226 or visit www.vhhospital.org/foundation_how.asp.

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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