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**Foundation Board Announces Return of Chairman
and Welcomes New Member**

(GLENDALE, CA – January 26, 2007) — The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board has elected Richard Harris chair for a second consecutive year and has bolstered its ranks with the addition of Darrell Spence to its membership.

Harris, a native of La Canada and President and CEO of the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, has been a member of the Foundation Board since 1998. He served as treasurer from 1999 to 2002 and was first elected chair in 2006.

“There are so many positive things happening at our hospital,” Harris said. “I, along with the entire board, am very excited about continuing to serve the hospital. It is our ambition to instill an even greater sense of pride among local residents, to help them realize that we have an extremely valuable community asset in Verdugo Hills Hospital - and that the best way to express that pride is by charitable financial support and getting involved!”

Harris said new board member Darrell Spence, an economist and Vice President of Capital Strategy Research, will bring a high level of financial and economic expertise to the board, as well as a passionate commitment to Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Spence, who now lives in Pasadena, grew up in La Canada Flintridge and his father is still an anesthesiologist at the hospital. He has been on staff for many years.

“I feel honored to be a member of the Foundation Board,” Spence said. “Verdugo Hills Hospital has long been a part of my life. Both of my daughters, three-year-old Devon and one-year-old Ashley, were born at the hospital, so I can personally attest to the high quality of care and professionalism that patients receive here. The hospital is a very important asset for the community, and I am glad to have the opportunity to contribute something back to it.”

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The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board officers include Mindy Stein, vice-chair; William Wells, treasurer; Houry Aposhian, secretary; and Annsley Strong, immediate past chair. The other members include Anthony Angelica, Hilyard Barr, William Baribault, James Campbell, Vincent Carabello, Richard Cook, David Elliott, Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Margaret Kean, George Koide, Leonard LaBella, Terre Osterkamp, M.D., Allan Perry, Jr., M.D., Mary Reichley, Jeffrey Smith, Katharine Stoeber, and Mark Sullivan.

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's focus this year is to raise \$2.5 million for nursing education and state-of-the-art surgical services. For more information about the funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation office at (818) 952-2226 or visit www.vhhospital.org/foundation.

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 "Glendale's Best Hospital" for 2006 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff received accolades too. Dr Jane Wada was voted "Best Dermatologist," Dr Jeffrey Nilles "Best Ophthalmologist," Dr James Henry "Best Pediatrician," Dr Brad Aguirre "Best Podiatrist" and Dr Samvel Hmayakyan "Best Family Practitioner." For more information, visit www.vhhospital.org.

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