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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Receives \$5,000 Grant
from Jewish Community Foundation**

(GLENDALE, CA – January 4, 2005) — Verdugo Hills Hospital has received a \$5,000 grant from the Jewish Community Foundation to support the hospital’s new high-tech, computer-based system that enables radiologists to capture, store and transmit diagnostic x-ray images electronically.

The newly installed system, called ACCESS, virtually eliminates the need for x-ray film. Using high-speed communication networks, VHH’s medical imaging department can send diagnostic images from x-rays, CT scans or MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) to a patient’s primary care physician almost instantaneously.

“ACCESS furthers our ability to provide accurate, efficient and economical care for residents of the greater foothills communities,” said Leonard LaBella, Verdugo Hills Hospital’s president and CEO. “We are committed to providing exceptional patient care through state-of-the art medical equipment; a highly trained and dedicated staff; and easy, accurate access to records, services and information resources.”

VHH recently purchased many new pieces of diagnostic equipment to better serve its patients. The ACCESS communications system effectively manages the information captured by this equipment while providing ease of use for patients and physicians alike.

Jewish Community Foundation President and CEO Marvin I. Schotland explained that “the foundation believes that *tikkun olam* – repairing the world – extends beyond the Jewish Community, which is why we support Verdugo Hills Hospital’s ACCESS project and other organizations outside of the Jewish community. We are confident that our gift will enhance patient care and treatment outcomes.”

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Established in 1954 and currently celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Jewish Community Foundation is the largest manager of charitable assets and provider of planned giving solutions for Southern California Jewish philanthropists who are making a difference in the Jewish and general communities locally, nationally and in Israel. In 2003, the foundation and its 1,000-plus donors distributed over \$44 million in grants to more than 1,300 organizations whose programs span the human lifecycle. The foundation currently manages assets of nearly a half billion dollars.

Verdugo Hills Hospital, a 158-bed nonprofit acute-care facility, features all private room accommodations, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, freestanding hospital in the greater foothills communities and was voted the 2004 “Foothills’ Best” hospital by the readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Further information on the hospital may be obtained at www.verdugohillshospital.org.

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