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Women's Council Presents Check to Verdugo Hills Hospital,
Installs New Executive Board

GLENDALE, CA – June 29, 2005 — A generous gift in excess of \$200,000 and a slate of new officers were the highlight of the Verdugo Hills Hospital Women's Council installation luncheon held at Oakmont Country Club earlier this month.

The Women's Council, which has supported Verdugo Hills Hospital for more than 30 years, presented Leonard LaBella, hospital president and CEO, and Annsley Strong, board chair of the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation, with a check for \$205,500. Of that amount, \$200,000 will go toward the recent renovation of the gastroenterology department and the remainder will help upgrade the hospital's admitting area.

LaBella thanked the members of the Women's Council for their gift and longtime commitment to the hospital. "As an independent nonprofit community hospital, Verdugo Hills relies on the support of the Women's Council, the hospital's foundation, and the community at large to continue its mission of providing exceptional care to the community," said LaBella during the luncheon. "We are truly appreciative of your generosity and all the hard work you do on behalf of the hospital."

This latest gift from the Women's Council brings its cumulative giving to Verdugo Hills to more than \$2.6 million, which has helped fund new equipment, facility upgrades, and patient and community programs.

In addition to the check presentation, the Women's Council also unveiled its 2005-06 executive board. Mary Reichley, outgoing chair for the Women's Council, announced the names of the new officers and then passed the gavel to incoming Chair Sue Wilder, who explained how she became acquainted with Verdugo Hills Hospital after her elderly father was admitted there with congestive heart failure in 1997.

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“I marveled at the wonderful care he received and how well I was treated by his caregivers,” shared Wilder. “I knew I wanted to be a part of this great team.” Wilder began as an in-service volunteer at Verdugo Hills Hospital in 1998 and in 2001, was introduced to the Women's Council by Mary Reichley.

“As the new chair of the Women's Council, I'm honored to carry on the vital fundraising and 'friend-raising' work that ultimately benefits Verdugo Hills Hospital,” added Wilder.

The members of the 2005-06 executive board of the Women's Council are:

Chair – Sue Wilder
Chair Elect – Betty Hurn
Fundraising Chairs – Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Ruth McNevin
Membership Chairs – Nancy Barnett, Marie Hansen
Program Chairs – Shaaron Gray, Chris Mason
Treasurer – Betty Hurn
Corresponding Secretaries – Pauline Hendricks, Susan O'Toole
Forum – Mary Reichley, Sue Wilder
Parliamentarian – Liz Arnold
Publicity/Historian – Margaret Gray, Mary Reichley
Sponsorships – Mary Reichley, Suzonne Slaughter
Special Events Chair – Penny Clark
Members-at-Large – Virginia Clegg, Sharon Harker, Lori Lightfoot, Teri Rice, Cindy Sawyer
Past Chair: Nominating and Resource Chairman – Mary Reichley
Nominating and Resource Committee – Liz Arnold, Pauline Hendricks, Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Ruth McNevin, Sue Wilder

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada. 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, freestanding hospital in the greater foothills community and was voted the “Foothills' Best” hospital by the readers of the *Glendale News-Press* and *Foothill Leader* for the past two years.

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