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Bingo Time, Verdugo Style

(GLENDALE, CA – July 14, 2008) – The Women’s Council of Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation (VHHF) and friends of the hospital gathered at VHH on July 11 for some fund-raising and friend-raising fun during the Women’s Council’s “First” Bingo Luncheon. The Bingo event raised \$1,635 for VHH, which will be used toward upgrades in the Emergency Room.

“The Women’s Council was delighted with the success of our Bingo Luncheon,” said Betty Hurn, co-chair of the Bingo event – and co-fundraising chair and treasurer of the Women’s Council. “We raised money for the Emergency Room and made a lot of new friends for Verdugo Hills Hospital.”

“We were thrilled so many women cared enough about VHH to join us for bingo,” said Chris Mason, Chair of the Women’s Council.

VHH President and CEO Len LaBella welcomed guests and gave a brief history on the origins of bingo.

In the United States, bingo was originally called “beano.” It was a county fair game where a dealer would select numbered discs from a cigar box and players would use beans to mark their cards, and the winners would yell “beano.” The game’s history can be tracked back to 1530, to an Italian lottery called “Lo Giuoco del Lotto D’Italia,” which is still played in Italy.

Special thanks to the following who worked hard to make the event a success: Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Chris Mason, Ruth McNevin, Eileen Akers, Virginia Clegg, Loretta Levy, Marie Hansen, Teri Rice and Margaret Gray.

Also, thanks to Gaylord Hammerwold who helped by operating the Bingo equipment during the event. Finally, the festive mood would not have been possible without the creative minds of the VHH volunteers.

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Committee members are: Chairs Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko and Mary Reichley; Chris Mason, Women's Council Chair; Ruth McNevin, Chair Elect; other committee members include Eileen Akers, Virginia Clegg, Marie Hansen, Pauline Hendricks, Loretta Levy and Teri Rice.

The Women's Council will celebrate its 35th year this year during the hospital's major annual fund-raising event, The Main Event, on November 1, 2008 at the Glendale Hilton. To reserve your tickets for The Main Event or for more information on sponsorship options or donating an auction item, please contact the VHH Women's Council at 818.952.2228.

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 "Foothills' Best Hospital" for 2008 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for the fifth consecutive year. Several VHH medical staff members have also earned the title of "Foothills' Best": Drs. Eric Lee and Joseph Lee, Foothills' Best Cardiologists; Dr. Jane Wada, Foothills' Best Dermatologist; Laurie Flagg, Foothills' Best Nurse; Dr. Ronald Woodard, Foothills' Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist; Dr. Scott Beeve, Foothills' Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry (Jr. & Sr.), Foothills' Best Plastic Surgeons; Dr. Brad Aguirre, Foothills' Best Podiatrist; and Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills' Best Family Physician.

For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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