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“Shaking UP Quake Safety” Seminar at VHH

(GLENDALE, CA – September 19, 2008) – Experts have recently indicated there is a 99.7% probability of a deadly 6.7 or larger quake within Southern California within the lifetime of most people reading this article. Furthermore, a massive quake is over 150 years overdue on our portion of the San Andreas Fault. Growing concern about this fault and these risks have led all levels of government, the scientific and engineering communities, social scientists and other experts to work together to define what will happen to us, and to find ways to improve our safety and resilience to a “Katrina” here at home.

Much of this work will be highlighted in the Great Southern California ShakeOut on November 13, 2008, which will be the largest disaster drill in US history. All citizens, neighborhoods, businesses, non-profits, faith-based communities and others should be prepared to realistically drill that day, along with local and state government agencies and first responders.

To learn more about the ShakeOut and what you should be doing to prepare, make reservations now to attend an informative seminar, “Shaking UP Quake Safety” at Verdugo Hills Hospital (Council Room on 4th floor) on Wednesday, October 1.

Registration, handouts & viewing of emergency kits and safety product displays will take place from 6:30 – 7 pm, and the seminar will run from 7 – 9 pm.

The seminar will be led by April Kelcy, CEO of Earthquake Solutions. Kelcy is also a member of the ShakeOut LA Regional Associates and the Earthquake Country Alliance, and chairs the LCF Chamber of Commerce's Emergency Preparedness Committee. Known as an expert consultant and speaker in her field of earthquake life safety, participants will learn to sort truth from fiction in determining the best ways to avoid injuries during strong shaking and the aftermath. They will also receive a clearer understanding of the major issues they face, learn how to avoid typical preparedness mistakes, and gain practical insights into how to adapt their planning for a catastrophic event to their individual circumstances.

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For further information or reservations, contact Earthquake Solutions at 626-256-7900, or e-mail earthquakesolutions@earthlink.net.

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. 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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