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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Receives Grant
During ‘Celebration of Community’ Event**

(GLENDALE, CA – November 19, 2007) – The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation received a gift of \$10,000 from the Glendale Community Foundation (GCF) during a ceremonial check presentation at the GCF’s annual Community Reception held at Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) on November 15. The event hosted guests from local nonprofit organizations, schools and the community, with music provided by the Rosemont Middle School orchestra.

“We were pleased to have Executive Director Sharon Collins, Board President Doris Boyer and the Glendale Community Foundation Board of Trustees-elect to have their annual community reception at Verdugo Hills Hospital,” said VHH Foundation President Margaret Kean. “GCF’s generous support of health, human services, arts, cultural programs and schools definitely make our community a better place. I would also like to extend our personal heartfelt thanks to the GCF for their support this year of our digital mammography project. It is greatly appreciated.”

“We were very pleased to celebrate in this evening’s success,” said VHH President and CEO Len LaBella. “We all have charitable missions ... You put the spirit and soul back in the community by what you do with your support.”

During the reception, guests had an opportunity to learn about PACS (Picture Archiving and Communication System), which combines state-of-the-art computer-based imaging, database, storage, and networking technologies. VHH Director of Medical Imaging, Scott Cameron, demonstrated how PACS can provide an efficient alternative to the traditional film-based radiology information exchange by allowing VHH’s radiology department to manage patients’ images electronically, with images available online for physician evaluations.

In addition, community members tested their balance on the Biodex balance machine, facilitated by Laura Knowles, VHH Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and recent “Hospital Hero” nominee. The GCF first funded the hospital’s purchase of the balance machine in 2003, as part of the hospital’s *A Balanced Life* program. They also supported the program’s expansion efforts into vestibular rehabilitation therapy in 2006.

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 goal is to raise \$1.4 million this year toward the purchase of digital mammography equipment, nursing education and state-of-the-art surgical services. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation office at 818.952.2226 or visit www.vhhospital.org/foundation_how.asp.

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 “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

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