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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Celebrates
the Caduceus Club's 25th Anniversary at Rusnak Pasadena**

(GLENDALE, CA – June 12, 2007) – The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation joined forces with Rusnak Auto Group on June 5 to celebrate the Caduceus Club's 25th Anniversary in the Bentley showroom at Rusnak Pasadena. More than 150 physicians and friends enjoyed hors d'oeuvres á la Twin Palms while sipping complimentary wine and champagne thanks to the Ritz Carlton and Pacific Wine & Spirits.

Verdugo Hills Hospital President & CEO Leonard LaBella and Foundation President Margaret Kean welcomed and thanked the Caduceus Club for their support of the hospital of over \$500,000 towards medical equipment since 1982. Drs. Leo Berkenbile and Steve Hartford were proud to announce that \$100,000 from medical staff would be designated towards a new medical staff endowment fund, conditional of a \$150,000 match raised by the Foundation.

Actor/comedian Carlos Alazraqui kicked off the live auction in support of this challenge, leading with a weekend at the Ritz-Carlton accompanied with a Bentley Continental Flying Spur. All proceeds from the silent and live auctions go towards the medical staff endowment fund, which totaled close to \$20,000, approximately \$32,000 including the match.

A wonderful time was had by all and plans are underway to make it an annual event for the hospital and Rusnak Pasadena, mainly thanks to hostess Liz Rusnak Arizmendi's amazing efforts and generosity. "It was an honor to coordinate and sponsor the Caduceus Club's 25th Anniversary for Verdugo Hills Hospital at Bentley Pasadena," said Liz Rusnak Arizmendi. "The Rusnak Auto Group is proud to assist the hospital in all its fund raising venues!"

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The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board officers include: Richard Harris, chairman; Marilyn Stein, vice chair; William Wells, treasurer; and Houry Aposhian, secretary. Other Board members include: Anthony Angelica, Hilyard Barr, William Baribault, Vincent Carabello, Richard Cook, David Elliott, Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Margaret Kean, George Koide, Leonard LaBella, Terre Osterkamp, M.D., Allan Perry, Jr., M.D., Mary Reichley, Jeffrey Smith, Darrell Spence, Katharine Stoeber, Annsley Strong and Mark Sullivan.

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.

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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