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**VHH Foundation Board Celebrates 2008 Achievements**

(GLENDALE, CA – December 15, 2008) – On the evening of December 9, Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board members and Hospital and Foundation management gathered at the Athenaeum in Pasadena to thank and celebrate the 2008 Foundation Board, led by Foundation Board Chair Rich Harris, for a successful 2008 raising funds for Verdugo Hills Hospital. Their successes include, through November 2008, raising \$1.14 million in funds and pledge payments, with an anticipated end of year of \$1.2 million. The event was hosted by Rich and Debbie Harris.

VHH President & CEO Len LaBella and Foundation President Margaret Kean thanked the 2008 VHH Foundation Board for a wonderful year, led ably by Board Chair Richard L. Harris (Rich), and his Executive Committee: Vice Chair and Governance Chair Bill Baribault, Treasurer and Finance Chair Darrell Spence, Secretary Houry Aposhian, Fund Development Chair Mindy Stein, and Past Board Chair Annsley Strong.

Rich Harris, President/CEO of the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, completes his third year chairing the Foundation Board. He has been a member of the Foundation Board of Directors since 1998, including Treasurer from 1999-2002. He also serves on the Hospital Board, the Foundation Golf Committee, plays a leadership role with the physicians' support group (Caduceus Club), and has acted as emcee for the Women's Council Main Event for many years. One of the recent honors Mr. Harris received which exemplifies not only his commitment to VHH, but to the community at large, was given by the Kiwanis club as the 2006 La Canadian of the Year for his outstanding service and leadership. His influence at Verdugo Hills Hospital over the past decade is truly commendable and heartfelt. Rich will continue on the Foundation Board as a Board member and past Board Chair, succeeded by William H. Baribault (Bill), this year's Vice Chair.

Mr. Baribault has been active in the La Canada and Pasadena area for over 25 years. Joining the Foundation Board in 2004, Bill has been involved with the Golf Tournament for several years and this year chaired the Governance Committee, instrumental in board development. Mr. Baribault is the Vice Chairman and former CEO of Henry Company, a Los Angeles based business. In February 2008, Mr. Baribault was appointed as CEO of

Belvedere SoCal and its subsidiary banks, Professional Business Bank and Spectrum Bank. He is the former Chairman of Professional Business Bank and has been a Director of Belvedere SoCal since its acquisition of Professional Business Bank in 2007. Mr. Baribault is a member of Chief Executives Organization, World Presidents Organization, the Executive Forum of Cal Tech, and serves on other non-profit and for-profit boards. Mr. Baribault has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees at both Chandler School and Flintridge Preparatory School. He resides in La Canada, with his wife Susan, and has two grown children and three grand children.

Specific funding projects include: 1) Ensuring the hospital's future through endowments, including completing the Medical Staff Endowment Challenge, which entailed raising \$150,000 to receive a match of \$100,000 from the medical staff. 2) Improving quality of care through nursing education endowment gifts and educational materials, updating heart-monitoring and pediatric equipment for the emergency department, and other new equipment to improve patient/physician satisfaction. 3) Focusing on additions to key service lines such as Digital Mammography, A Balanced Life, and Cardiac Rehab program and equipment support. 4) Expanding outreach to the community for the Annual Giving Campaign for hospital's continuing greatest needs.

In attendance at the event were: Molly and Peter Bachmann; Susan and Bill Baribault; John and Jennifer Berger, Director of Annual Giving and Special Events; Robin and Rod Dorman; Debbie and Rich Harris; Jeff and Margaret Kean, Foundation President; Patti and George Koide; Len LaBella, VHH President & CEO; Chris and Charlie Mason; Ruth McNevin, incoming Women's Council Chair; Dr. Terre Osterkamp; Mary and Paul Reichley; Jeff Smith; Mindy and Gene Stein; Kay Stoever; and Cindy Trousdale, VHH CFO.

**About the Hospital:**

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include 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](http://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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