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New Chairs Appointed to Hospital and Foundation Boards

(GLENDALE, CA – May 7, 2009) – Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Annsley C. Strong to Chair of the Hospital Board and William H. Baribault to Chair of the Foundation Board.

A La Cañada resident and a current member (and past chair) of the VHH Foundation Board, Strong has served on the Hospital Board as a member since 1998.

“Verdugo has an important niche in the community. We are a family-centered non-profit hospital that delivers the very best in primary care, diagnostic, and surgical services. With our help you and your family build a strong foundation to address the health issues that affect you day to day,” said Strong.

She added that VHH’s medical staff is always striving to improve patient satisfaction, both in terms of service and clinical outcomes.

“We deliver babies in our private labor and delivery suites, get patients in and out of our Emergency Room for non-emergent cases in an hour, and we have the best diagnostic capabilities in the Valley, as well as excellent surgeons and rehab facilities for all ages and treatments.”

“In my 27 years of association with Verdugo Hills Hospital, the administrators and the Boards have consistently kept their eyes on the ball: quality care in a comfortable environment with superior medical personnel. In an era when size and extravagance matter, Verdugo continuously creates excellent outcomes with an eye to cost concerns and personal service,” she said.

As Chair of the Hospital Board, Strong said: “Like all hospitals, Verdugo is faced with the unfunded mandate to retrofit or rebuild to the earthquake standards outlined in SB1953. We are in the midst of the strategic planning around what any new building will look like and how it will be funded, and what service lines should be included to meet the future healthcare needs of our community.”

In addition to her involvement with VHH, Strong has also held positions with many other community organizations throughout the years, including: La Canada Junior Women's Club (Past President, 1981-1989); VHH Foundation Women's Council (Past President, 1982 – present); La Canada Sports Coalition (Co-Founder, 1994); Hathaway-Sycamores, Pasadena (Chair, 2007-2009); and Wheaton College, Norton, MA, (President's Commission, 2000-2006).

Strong and her husband George have four children and three grandchildren. Strong attended Wheaton College in Norton, MA, and New York School of Interior Design in New York, NY. She has been operating her own design firm, Strong Studio Designs, since 1984.

William Baribault

A resident of La Cañada, William Baribault currently serves as the new Chair of the Foundation Board. He is also a member of the Hospital Board. Baribault has served on the Foundation Board as a member for the past four years.

“As a community member, I am grateful to Verdugo Hills Hospital for always being there for my family and the greater Foothill community,” said Baribault. “Our goal this year is to expand our outreach services into the community, to introduce new friends to the hospital and to raise funds for equipment. The passion our board and volunteers have for VHH is strong and we look forward to a very productive year.”

Baribault's professional career experience includes industrial and building products manufacturing, wholesale distribution, retail sales, financial and operational consulting, internet, robotics automation, banking and financial services. He has founded startup ventures and grown established businesses by expanding product portfolio, services, market share and team productivity.

In addition to his commitment and active participation on non-profit and for-profit boards, Baribault is an active community and philanthropic leader.

Baribault has dedicated time and experience to contribute to various professional, business and non-profit organizations. He is a member of Chief Executives Organization, World Presidents Organization, and the Executive Forum of California Institute of Technology. In addition to his past role as Chairman of Professional Business Bank, he has served on the for-profit boards of Architectural Woodworking Company and M Chemical Company.

In addition to his involvement with VHH, he has also served on a number of other non-profit boards, including Flintridge Preparatory School, The Chandler School and Descanso Gardens. He also currently serves as a director of Kidspace Children's Museum and the Chief Executives Organization.

Baribault earned his bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University.

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 Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. 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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