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Team Verdugo Raises More Than \$5,000 for American Cancer Society

*Verdugo Hills Hospital joins the fight against cancer
as a Silver Sponsor of Relay for Life*

(GLENDALE, CA – October 5, 2007) – Employees and friends of Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) joined the fight against cancer as they teamed up for American Cancer Society’s Fourth Annual Relay for Life event at the Glendale Sports Complex on September 29 and 30. VHH, a Silver Sponsor of the Relay, participated in the 24-hour event to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones as well as to support cancer research and create awareness.

Relay participants and their children enjoyed snow cones as they visited the VHH booth and had a chance to see demonstrations of physical therapy exercises.

At nighttime, a luminaria ceremony helped to remember those lost to cancer, those fighting cancer and those who have fought the disease.

“The luminaria ceremony was beautiful and touching and we are willing to walk and raise money until we find a cure,” said VHH Team Captain Laura Knowles, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Cardiac Rehabilitation Services at VHH.

VHH employee Lucy Esterly participated in the Relay with her four-year-old granddaughter Katelyn Walter, who walked six laps and decorated several luminaries.

“I decided to participate because I have lost several friends and acquaintances over the past few years to cancer, and I feel we should do everything possible to make everyone aware of the signs, symptoms and prevention, and especially the cure,” said Esterly, who is the Quality Management Database Coordinator at VHH. “I was so happy to see that the hospital was promoting and sponsoring a team. I’d love to see more employees there. Laura (Knowles) did a great job as our ‘Chief’.”

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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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