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Giving the Gift of Volunteering for 35 Years

(GLENDALE, CA – July 17, 2007) – After offering 35 years of dedicated service to Verdugo Hills Hospital, La Cañada resident Irene McCloskey leaves the community hospital with fond memories.

“I’ve seen a lot of changes during the last three decades, and all for the best,” said McCloskey, who volunteered at the hospital since it opened its doors. “I just enjoyed every minute of it, and the hospital has been very good to me, and the doctors have been absolutely super to me.”

When McCloskey first started her volunteer work at the hospital, she offered assistance to the Volunteer Services Department. She later volunteered in the Admitting Department, and, most recently, she worked at the front desk in the hospital’s lobby.

“We are fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers, and Irene has certainly been one of our shining stars,” said Judy Hurst, Director of Volunteer Services at the hospital. “Irene’s quiet demeanor, along with her great compassion and dedication to helping others, has worked to fulfill the hospital’s mission of extending care and kindness to all who enter our doors.”

“Irene’s presence at our hospital has been much appreciated, and she will be greatly missed,” added Hurst.

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Established in 1972, the Volunteer Services Department attracts, retains and recognizes qualified in-service volunteers. More than 275 dedicated men and women, from 14 to 92 years of age, provide their time and talent as volunteers in many departments at the hospital. The caliber of individuals working as hospital volunteers is exceptional; many are retired professionals and business persons. For a list of open positions, please contact Volunteer Services at 818.952.2206.

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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