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VHH to Host “Baby 101” Luncheon for Expectant Mothers

(GLENDALE, CA – July 16, 2009) – Via Cord, a leader in cord blood banking and research, is to sponsor a free of charge community education luncheon called “Baby 101.” The event is open to expectant mothers and will be held on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Dr. Steven Hartford (OB) will give an introduction on cord blood banking and explain how collecting, processing and storing these stem cells can save lives. A local family will then share their personal story about how banking cord blood stem cells saved their son’s life.

Dr. Happy Khanna, a pediatrician, will address the concerns and anxieties of expectant mothers as she tells them what to expect when they bring their baby home for the first time.

For any interested guests, Family Education Program Coordinator Teri Rice will give information on childbirth education classes offered at VHH and give a labor and delivery tour of the hospital’s Beginnings Family Birth Center.

“Baby 101 is a chance for the parents to do their research and due diligence,” said Rice. “We will speak about the important issue of cord blood collection and are delighted to welcome all expectant families to this informative day.”

Cord blood stem cells are free of political and ethical debates and have the potential to treat over 70 life-threatening diseases.

Raffle prizes will include a personalized DVD of the special moments before and after the birth and baby baskets filled with onesies, lotions, formula samples and other goodies will also be given away.

For more information about Baby 101 or to R.S.V.P., call Sabrina Jobes at (866) 761-4463.

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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