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Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation's Golf Classic Raises \$170,000

(GLENDALE, CA – May 22, 2006) — Local community leaders, physicians and long-time friends of Verdugo Hills Hospital filled the field at the Valencia Country Club golf course on Monday, May 8, all in an effort to support the not-for-profit community hospital. It truly was a sunny day for the hospital's foundation, which exceeded its goal and raised \$170,000 for patient-care services, programs, and equipment.

The 15th Annual Golf Classic, one of the hospital's signature fundraising events, attracted 143 golfers and featured demonstrations by Patrick Dempsey, one of the top long-drive professionals in the world, and a chance to beat the pro with former LPGA player, Cherie Zaun.

"It was an all-around fabulous day – excellent weather, good company, and a great cause," said Charlie Mason, golf tournament co-chairman. Co-chairman Steve Wilder added, "Each year this tournament gets better and better thanks to the generosity of the community and dedication of our hospital volunteers."

The lead tournament sponsors were Eagle Sponsors **The Walt Disney Studios** and **Horizon Health** and Birdie Sponsor **Technicolor**. Other generous sponsors included **AON Corporation, Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, American Energy Operations Inc., Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, Angelo Mozilo and Family, Foothill Emergency Physicians (Dr. Leo Berkenbile, Dr. Theodore Hackett, Dr. David Tashman, and Dr. Armand Dorian), and Charles W. Mason and Associates Inc.**

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Topping off the day were a cocktail reception and dinner, silent and live auctions, and an awards ceremony in the clubhouse. Winners included Bruce Frink, first place in the putting contest; Dennis Rice, straightest drive; Damon Frier, longest drive; and Carl Montgomery, closest to the pin. The Technicolor foursome, headed by Dave Elliott, took first place in the Eagle Flight contest; the Birdie Flight first-place award went to the Disney foursome, headed by Chuck Viane; and the Par Flight first-place winners included Drs. Ignacio Acosta, Bruce Schlecter, John Spence, and Michael Stark.

Other players included hospital CEO Leonard LaBella; Verdugo Hills Hospital board members Jeff Miller, Carl Raggio, Lee Ross, Charles Mason, and Dr. John Osterkamp; Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation board members Rich Harris, Jeff Smith, Tony Angelica, Kristin Adrian, and Dr. Terre Osterkamp; Scott Frost with HFS Consultants; Ray Sterling from Copy R Office Solutions; George McCrimlisk and Michael Koewler from Neuberger Berman; John Hansen from the Glenwood Financial Group Inc.; and community members Bob and Sally Pernecky, Bob Elen, Dave and Paul Van Acker, Bob Smith, Don and Joan Canning, Tom Grosch, Timothy Sabourin, and Darrell, Scott and Sally Spence.

Established in 1974, the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation raises funds for the hospital's current needs and long-range growth including equipment purchases, facility upgrades, and community education support. The Foundation raised over \$1 million in 2005 and looks to raise \$1.6 million in 2006 to support the purchase of capital equipment including a new digital imaging system, to expand "A Balanced Life" (the hospital's unique fall-prevention program), and underwrite nursing education for its staff.

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, freestanding hospital in the greater foothills community and has been voted "Foothill's Best" hospital by the readers of the *Glendale News-Press* and *Foothill Leader* for the past three years. For more information, visit www.vhhospital.org.

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