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Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation 14th Annual Golf Classic Raises \$164,000

(GLENDALE, CA – May 11, 2005) — A full field of golfers teed off at Valencia Country Club on Monday, May 9, to support Verdugo Hills Hospital’s mission raising some \$164,000 for the not-for-profit hospital. The 14th annual Golf Classic, one of the hospital’s signature events, attracted more than 50 businesses and 144 golfers.

Live and silent auctions were added to the golf tournament this year and brought in \$14,000 alone. The highest grossing auction item was a two-day fishing trip in Cabo San Lucas aboard a private 48-foot boat donated by Golf Tournament Chairman Bob Pernecky. Garnering \$3,000 the first time it was auctioned off, Pernecky put it on the auction block a second time raising another \$3,000.

Players came from as far away as New Jersey and Chicago. The first place foursome included Dr. Alan W. Perry, Jr., Dick Saatzer, Jim Zachary and W. Lee.

“Everyone who participated seemed to have a fantastic time,” said Pernecky, a La Cañada resident and owner of R. Pernecky Management Corporation. “Already golfers are asking about next year’s tournament!”

The lead tournament sponsors were **The Walt Disney Studios, Horizon Health and Technicolor**. Other generous corporate sponsors included **Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, Dr. Pepper, Fremont General, Sonnenschein Aon, Bank of America, Marsh, Sodexo, UBS Financial Services and Wells Fargo Bank**.

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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. All of the money raised for the hospital's \$1.3 million emergency department expansion, which opened in September 2003, came through donations raised by the foundation.

Verdugo Hills Hospital, a 158-bed nonprofit acute-care facility, features all private room accommodations, 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 communities and was voted the "Foothills' Best" hospital by the readers of the *Glendale News-Press* and *Foothill Leader* for the past two years. Further information on the hospital may be obtained at www.verdugohillshospital.org.

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