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Verdugo Hills Hospital's Main Event Exceeds \$70,000 Goal

(GLENDALE, CA – November 7, 2005) — The annual Verdugo Hills Hospital Women's Council's Main Event netted more than \$83,000 to support vital hospital programs and services. Nearly 200 people were treated to an elegant evening featuring both silent and live auctions, live music, dancing, and an exquisite dinner at the Oakmont Country Club on Oct. 29.

"Everything came together beautifully – the venue, all of the volunteers, our fabulous committee," commented Sue Wilder, Women's Council chair. "We are delighted that we exceeded our \$70,000 goal because every dollar raised from this event helps support a great asset to our community, Verdugo Hills Hospital."

"We really appreciate all of the efforts of the Women's Council and everyone else who made this event so successful," said Leonard LaBella, president and CEO of Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Jeff Smith and Rich Harris once again served as auctioneers, building enthusiasm for the great items that were donated for the live auction. Rusnak Automotive provided four luxury cars that flanked the front walkway adding to the elegant ambience of the evening. Other sponsors/donors included the Crawford Family Foundation; Foothill Emergency Physicians Medical Group; The Mozilo Family Foundation; Michael & Georgia Hamilton; Jeffrey J. Nilles, M.D.; Aon Corporation; Sam & Kate Kaneko; Dr. Bill & Lani Reynolds; Jeff & Margaret Kean; Charles Mason & Associates; Downs & Irene McCloskey; Joel & Dr. Ricki Robinson; Gene & Mindy Stein; Drs. Patrick & Christina Wade; Jackie Genofile; Ray & Sandy Sterling; Leonard LaBella; George & Annsley Strong; Verdugo Hills Hospital Wound Care Program; Horizon Health; and Wells Fargo Bank. Entertainment was provided by Mike Perry's Tidal Wave.

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The Women's Council Main Event committee included fundraising chairs Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, and Ruth McNevin and sponsorship/donations chairs Mary Reichley and Suzonne Slaughter. The 23 volunteers, in addition to two foundation staff, Terri Chapman and Vicky Wolf, were such a critical part of making the evening a huge success.

The Women's Council has been supporting the hospital through their fundraising efforts for more than 30 years. During that time it has raised approximately \$2.5 million for the hospital. These funds have been used to help renovate and upgrade the Gastroenterology Department, expand the Emergency Department, purchase state-of-the-art equipment, support the Dixie Lee Ratliff Breast Healthcare Center, and enhance several other departments throughout the hospital.

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 was voted the "Foothills' Best" hospital by the readers of the *Glendale News-Press* and *Foothill Leader* for the past two years. For more information, visit www.verdugohillshospital.org.

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