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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Welcomes New Executives**

(GLENDALE, CA, August 21, 2006) — Verdugo Hills Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of two members to its leadership team; Cindy Trousdale, the hospital’s new chief financial officer, and Judith Maass, the hospital’s new vice president of Patient Care Services.

Maass is a nurse practitioner with a master’s degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix in Los Angeles. She was formerly the director of Clinical Quality Improvement and then the vice president of Patient Care Services at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center.

She has lived in La Canada Flintridge for three years and is looking forward to making a greater contribution to the local community, both through her work and in her own time.

“Verdugo Hills Hospital is where my family has always come for treatment, and it’s great to be part of the community, to be able to share and give in the community,” Maass said.

Trousdale, who lives in Pasadena, also has many years of experience in the healthcare industry. After earning her CPA, she started her career working for the hospital division of Arthur Andersen, where she became an internal auditor with Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank and later director of financial planning for Methodist Hospital in Arcadia.

Trousdale believes that Verdugo Hills Hospital has an enviable reputation in the health care industry and has already started to enjoy the unique sense of community it inspires.

“The community really does react to this hospital in a very good way,” she said. “There is a real sense of community ownership of this hospital – people feel like it belongs to them.”

Leonard LaBella, president and chief executive officer of Verdugo Hills Hospital, welcomes the addition of both Maass and Trousdale to the team at the hospital.

“Judy and Cindy are very experienced and highly skilled,” LaBella said. “They are a real asset to the team at Verdugo Hills Hospital, and we are fortunate to have them on board. I know they will contribute to the continuing success and growth of the hospital.”



Cindy Trousdale: The new chief financial officer at Verdugo Hills Hospital



Judith Maass: The new vice president of Patient Care Services at Verdugo Hills 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 Foothill communities and was 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](http://www.vhhospital.org).