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**Rolling Up the Sleeves for a Special Life-Saving Blood Drive
at Verdugo Hills Hospital**

(GLENDALE, CA – July 3, 2007) – Verdugo Hills Hospital partnered with American Red Cross of Southern California on June 29 in an effort to boost emergency blood supplies. Dozens of hospital employees and volunteers from the community rolled up their sleeves for the summer blood drive, which was held at the hospital from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Forty-one units of blood were collected, which has the potential to save the lives of 132 people, according to Norma Martin, Director of Laboratory Services at Verdugo Hills Hospital. “We always have a great turnout for our blood drive and we’d like to thank everyone who took the time to help us build up our much-needed blood supplies, especially during the summer months where the blood inventory is extremely low,” Martin said. “We cannot do it without the sponsors who understand and care to make the difference.”

Among the blood donors was Margaret Kean, Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation President. “I have a blood type that isn’t common, so I try to give as often as possible,” Kean said. “Giving is so easy and I know it can save lives. I’m glad Verdugo Hills Hospital makes it even easier by having the blood drive on campus.”

Blood donors had a chance to win a \$500 Gas Card and receive a Pint for a Pint at Baskin-Robbins.

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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, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

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