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**The Women’s Council of Verdugo Hills Hospital Hosted
“Enjoy a Day at Santa Anita Races”**

(GLENDALE, CA, March 8, 2007) — The Women’s Council of Verdugo Hills Hospital and Foundation hosted a day at the races for Council members and their guests. The day was spent enjoying spirited conversations, the beauty of the Santa Anita Race Track, a splendid lunch and the inevitable betting on favorite horses in each of nine races.

The Santa Anita Race Track honored the Women’s Council by dedicating the second race to the organization, which was featured on the marquee and listed in the racing program. Chris Mason, chair elect, and Teri Rice, program co-chair, were featured in the winners’ circle as the winner of the second race was honored.

Members in attendance included: Virginia Clegg, Mildred Drane, Margaret and Fred Gray, Betty Hurn and guest Jodie Kendall, Margaret Lewin and guest Sally Caudill, Chris Mason, Ruth McNevin and guest CiCi Hall, Teri Rice and Jean Woody.

The Women’s Council has provided support to Verdugo Hills through the hospital’s fundraising efforts for more than 30 years. During that time, the Council has raised over \$2.5 million for the hospital. These funds have been used to help renovate and upgrade the Access Program and Gastroenterology Department; expand the Emergency Department; support the Dixie Lee Ratliff Breast Healthcare Center; and purchase state-of-the-art equipment for the hospital; and enhance several departments.

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 “Glendale’s Best Hospital” for 2006 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff received accolades too. Dr. Jane Wada was voted “Best Dermatologist,” Dr. Jeffrey Nilles “Best Ophthalmologist,” Dr. James Henry “Best Pediatrician,” Dr. Brad Aguirre “Best Podiatrist” and Dr. Samvel Hmayakyan “Best Family Practitioner.” For more information, visit www.vhhospital.org.

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