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**Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Chairman
Named “La Cañadan of the Year”**

(GLENDALE, CA – June 26, 2007) – The Kiwanis Club of La Cañada honored Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Chairman Richard Harris as the “2006 La Cañadan of the Year” at an award luncheon on June 13 for his outstanding volunteer service and leadership rendered to the La Cañada Flintridge community.

“Rich is deeply committed to his community, in so many ways, and is so dedicated to the hospital,” said Foundation President Margaret Kean. “His leadership and dedication to the Foothill community is inspiring. We are grateful for his outstanding leadership at Verdugo Hills Hospital and delighted to have him recognized for all that he has done for us and for this community.”

A native of La Cañada Flintridge, Harris has been President/CEO of the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union, including the position of Treasurer on the Board of Directors, since 1986. Harris also serves as a Verdugo Hills Hospital Board member, sits on the Foundation Golf Committee, and plays a key leadership role with the physicians’ support group, the Caduceus Club.

In addition, Harris is a member of the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County (Crescenta Valley) Sheriff’s Support Group, including holding the position of President from 1994 to 1999 and honored with the title of “President Emeritus.” Harris is a Patron Friend of The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens.

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The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board officers include: Richard Harris, chairman; Marilyn Stein, vice chair; William Wells, treasurer; and Houry Aposhian, secretary. Other Board members include: Anthony Angelica, Hilyard Barr, William Baribault, Vincent Carabello, Richard Cook, David Elliott, Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Margaret Kean, George Koide, Leonard LaBella, Terre Osterkamp, M.D., Allan Perry, Jr., M.D., Mary Reichley, Jeffrey Smith, Darrell Spence, Katharine Stoeber, Annsley Strong and Mark Sullivan.

Established in 1974, the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation's mission is to raise and manage funds for the benefit of Verdugo Hills Hospital, enabling it to meet the healthcare needs of the Foothill communities. The Foundation's goal is to raise \$1.4 million this year toward the purchase of digital mammography equipment, nursing education and state-of-the-art surgical services. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation office at 818.952.2226 or visit www.vhhospital.org/foundation_how.asp.

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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