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Oceanview’s Grand Opening Helps Support Verdugo Hills Hospital

(GLENDALE, CA – August 14, 2008) – Oceanview Contemporary Bistro, in Montrose, celebrated its Grand Opening and Ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 13, donating 10 percent of its opening night proceeds to the Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) and Foundation Women’s Council. The festive evening helped raise close to \$500 for VHH. During the entire month of August, 10 percent of all lunch revenues (including take-out orders) from Oceanview Contemporary Bistro will be donated back to VHH.

Women’s Council Chair Chris Mason thanked Alyce Russell and the Russell family, owners of Oceanview, and Tina Marie Ito, Oceanview’s Director of Special Events, for providing an opportunity to help raise funds for the community hospital.

“I was so thrilled and honored when Alyce and Tina told me that they wanted to donate 10 percent of the opening night’s proceeds to VHH and the Women’s Council,” said Mason. “Since both Alyce and Tina are past presidents of the Women’s Council (Alyce from 1991-92; Tina from 1992-93), they know how hard we work to raise funds and friends for VHH. Because of their generous support, Oceanview Contemporary Bistro will have a part in our raising of over three million dollars for VHH.”

“VHH is our community hospital and we stand ready 24/7 to help, comfort and save the lives of those who come through our doors,” added Mason.

Both Russell and Ito said they are thrilled to once again be a part of the VHH family: “When considering the idea of making the grand opening festivities of *Oceanview Contemporary Bistro* a fundraising event to benefit an organization that was special to the Russell family, and to Alyce and I in particular, the Women’s Council of Verdugo Hills Hospital was an easy and obvious choice. We are both past presidents of the Women’s Council, and the Verdugo Hills Hospital is an important resource to our community,” said Ito.

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Attendees from the Opening night included: VHH administrative and clinical staff, members of the Women's Council; Mayor John Drayman; Rep Corey Calaycay (Senator Bob Margett's Office); and the following from the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce: Jane Kane (1st Vice President), Mike Perry (2nd Vice President), Lisa Ann Stanners (Board Member), Heather Rodriguez (Board Member), Charles Beatty (Board Member), Bud Yoho (Board Member), Harriett Hammons (Board Member), and Marian E. Jocz (Executive Director).

Oceanview Contemporary Bistro is located at 3826 Ocean View Blvd., Montrose, CA 91020. For restaurant hours, please call 818.248.2722.

The Women's Council will celebrate its 35th year this year during the hospital's major annual fund-raising event, The Main Event, on November 1, 2008, at the Glendale Hilton. For more information, please contact the Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Women's Council at 818.952.2228.

About 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, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted "Foothills' Best Hospital" for 2008 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for the fifth consecutive year. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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