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Verdugo Hills Hospital Board Welcomes Steve Wilder

(GLENDALE, CA – January 8, 2008) – The Verdugo Hills Hospital Board has appointed new member Steve Wilder for a two-year term.

“The Hospital is a wonderful resource for the community,” said Wilder. “The quality of medical care is probably second to none. Anything I can do to further that is exciting.”

“Steve will provide added expertise to our Board and he will be very helpful to the hospital in meeting its patient safety and risk management objectives,” said Len LaBella, VHH President and CEO.

Carl W. Raggio, chairman of the VHH Board of Directors, said Wilder is a valued member of the Hospital community. “Steve will contribute greatly to our continued success and growth as a valued healthcare provider,” said Raggio. “He has already demonstrated his talent and commitment to our Hospital by co-chairing our most successful Golf Classic event. I look forward to working with him as a fellow Board member.”

A Glendale resident of 14 years, Wilder has served as co-chair of the Hospital’s Annual Golf Classic during the past two years. He will also be co-tournament director of this year’s event to be held on May 12 at Valencia Country Club. “We are raising great funds for a really worthy cause,” he said. We have a great committee to work with, and it is a lot of fun.”

Wilder is the Vice President, Risk Management for The Walt Disney Company. His department is responsible for directing Disney's worldwide corporate Risk Management programs. Before joining The Walt Disney Company, he was Risk Manager from 1982 to 1987 for Whittaker Corporation, a diversified manufacturer with operations in health care, chemicals, marine products, and technology. Earlier in his career, Wilder also worked in the insurance brokerage industry.

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Wilder holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and has completed UCLA's Executive Management Program. In addition, he has an Associate in Risk Management Designation and a master's degree in Risk Management from Florida State University.

He was named Business Insurance's Risk Manager of the Year in 1990 and is a former National President of the Risk Insurance Management Society. In 2004, he was named one of the "100 Most Influential People in Finance" by *Treasury and Risk Management* magazine.

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 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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