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Verdugo Hills Hospital Holds Annual Volunteer Services Awards Luncheon

(GLENDALE, CA – July 8, 2009) – Verdugo Hills Hospital held its annual volunteer service awards luncheon to honor 175 volunteers on Saturday, June 27. The event was held at the hospital and those in attendance enjoyed the Western theme.

Volunteers were recognized for the number of years along with the hours they have worked. Four charter volunteers were given special recognition for their 37-year service since the doors of the hospital opened in 1972. These honorees were: Dixie Austin, Jackie Genofile, Dottie Longo and Pat Rademacher. Thirty-five year pin recipients were Dorothy Henderson and Joanne Jackson. Anita Sutton received her 30-year pin. Twenty-five year pin recipients were: Jennie Manders, Ruth McNevin, Marge Nikola and Julia Rieck. Don Davies received his 20 year pin. A 15-year pin was awarded to Toni Sarney. Joan Chesley, David Klune and Sue Wilder earned their 10 year pins. And finally, five year-pins were given to Eileen Akers, Duane Batenhorst, Trisch Diaz, Linda Francis, Vangie Hurst, Annette Levin, Carol Lewis, Christine Mason and Clarice Powers.

Judy Hurst, director of volunteer services, and Len LaBella, VHH President, also recognized three volunteers who have accumulated the most volunteer service hours. These “top guns” were: Donna Beals with over 16,500 hours, Louise Welch with over 19,000 hours and Lee Sealander with over 25,000 hours.

Eight student volunteers also were recognized for having given over 300 hours to the Hospital. Those students were: David Lim (533 hours), Sung Woo Chon, Bianca Neesan, Kathleen Sheehy, Mary Goral, Michael Kim, Diana Kang and Young Yi.

Student and adult volunteers work in the Messenger Office where they offer information and assistance to patients and visitors, fulfill errand requests for all hospital departments and transport patients. They also work at the Information Desks and staff the Gift Shop.

In 2008, volunteers worked an accumulative 37,765 hours which is equivalent to 18 full-time employees.

“Verdugo Hills Hospital is truly blessed with the amazing group of volunteers that we have,” said Hurst. “Their countless hours of volunteering and the sincere love and dedication that they have for our hospital, our patients and families and our employees is a gift which is truly appreciated by all.”

Accumulated Volunteer Service Hours:

500+ hours: Eileen Akers, Pat Anderson, Duane Batenhorst, John Brunasso, Helen Crawford, Cindy Dailey, Sara Davis, Trisch Diaz, Yvonne Elleri, Joyce Garib, Carolyn Greer, Gilda Giacalone, Carol Hollen, Vangie Hurst, Connie Kelly, Jong Lee, Carol Lewis, Mary Martin, Christine Mason, Richard McDaniel, Clarice Powers, Daniela Sabo and Flora Wilcox; **1,000+ hours:** Evelyn Barley, Karyn Bartlett, David Berentsen, Michelle Fournier, William Isinger, Andrew Jarema, John Knorr, Ban Neesan, Sam Stover, Donald Weir, Joy Wilson and Seena Wolin; **1,500+ hours:** Bill Barber, Betty Beyer, Martha Hankins, Jean Lundgren, Jennie Manders, Penny Moynihan, Ken Rendler, June Snyder, Gloria Watson, Marge Webb and Joyce Zenz; **2,000+ hours:** Harriett Bartoli, Linda Francis, Madeleine Gmuer, John Lawrence, Dana Rendler and Warren Westerholm; **2,500+ hours:** Chuck Gelbke, David Klune, Annette Levin, Mary Lownes, Richard Manners, Pat Rademacher and Kay Stern; **3,000+ hours:** Lorraine Bottrell, Joan Chesley, Joan Cleven and Sharon Harker; **3,500+ hours:** Mary Chase and Jackie Mickelson; **4,000+ hours:** Sandra Stephens and Sue Wilder; **4,500+ hours:** Grace Brown; **5,000+ hours:** Suzanne Coscarelli and Ruth McNevin; **5,500+ hours:** Marilyn Batt, Ann Courchaine and Roy Dill; **6,000+ hours:** Marge Nikola and Audrey Parmiter; **6,500+ hours:** Ruth Plowman, Toni Sarney and Anita Sutton; **7,000+ hours:** Dixie Austin and Carol Doll; **7,500+ hours:** Felicia Landry and Marie Hansen; **8,000+ hours:** Gayl Trent and Donna Tuttle; **8,500+ hours:** Julia Rieck; **9,000+ hours:** Annie Haynes; **10,000+ hours:** Ruth Bolton and Cindy Jenne; **10,500+ hours:** Ruth Fults and Dottie Longo; **11,000+ hours:** Joanne Jackson; **12,000+ hours:** Jackie Genofile and Maxine Reed; **13,000+ hours:** Don Davies, Dorothy Henderson and Harriet Kettles; **16,500+ hours:** Donna Beals; **19,000+ hours:** Louise Welch; **25,000+ hours:** Lee Sealander.

About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care hospital nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The Hospital features include Fast-Track emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. The Hospital also offers surgical services, including bariatric and orthopedic surgeries. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” by readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for five consecutive years. 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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