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Funds Given to Verdugo Hills Hospital will Help Create a Legacy

(GLENDALE, CA – August 24, 2007) – Verdugo Hills Hospital (VHH) received \$36,000 from the Glendale Medical Doctors’ Foundation, following the nonprofit physician group’s decision to disband.

“We are grateful to the trustees of the Glendale Medical Doctors' Foundation for their careful stewardship of the Foundation's funds and the impact they have had on many lives over the years,” said Margaret Kean, Foundation President at Verdugo Hills Hospital.”

The gift given to VHH will be used to help build a Medical Staff Endowment Fund, which will provide annual income for the purchase of capital equipment for the Hospital.

“The Medical Staff of VHH recently offered a challenge to the VHH Foundation,” Kean said. “When we have raised \$150,000 toward this endowment, they will give \$100,000 to the Medical Staff Endowment. The \$36,000 from the Glendale Medical Doctors’ Foundation gets us closer to meeting that challenge. And it creates a legacy that will meet the needs of our patients years into the future.”

The Glendale Medical Doctors’ Foundation board decided to split the group’s remaining funds (\$108,000) among the city’s three hospitals – Verdugo Hills, Glendale Memorial and Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

The Foundation, which was founded in the early 1970s, was formed by Glendale physicians to assist doctors who had health or financial problems as well as to help them start their practices, said Dr. William Schubert, a Glendale doctor on the foundation’s board and on staff at VHH and Glendale Adventist. The funds, given to doctors and their families, were in the form of low-interest loans or gift donations through contributions from local physicians.

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“The foundation has helped the sons of some of the physicians with their tuition to medical schools,” said Dr. John Hubanks, who also served on the Foundation’s board.

“It’s been a very nice organization for the greater Glendale medical community and certainly has been a privilege to serve on that board,” added Dr. Hubanks, who was also a clinical professor at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

The trustees of the Glendale Medical Doctors' Foundation are: Dr. William Schubert, Internist (Glendale Adventist & VHH); Dr. Carlton Valvo, Urologist (Glendale Memorial & VHH); Dr. Allan Perry, Sr., Plastic Surgeon (VHH); and Dr. John Hubanks, Otolaryngologist (Glendale Memorial & VHH).

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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