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Verdugo Hills Hospital Recognizes Employee of the Second Quarter

(GLENDALE, CA – August 9, 2007) – Verdugo Hills Hospital selected Desiree Posadas as its Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2007. Posadas, who joined the hospital almost four years ago, is the Operating Room (OR) Scheduler in the Surgery Department and also serves as an OR Technician.

“Working at Verdugo Hills has given me a wealth of experience in learning new ways to improve the quality of healthcare services as well as enhance my management and customer-service skills,” said Posadas. “One outstanding attribute I have seen at Verdugo Hills is the spirit of camaraderie that floats in every department. The first time I walked in the Surgery Department, I did not have strange feelings, but rather a feeling of belongingness, like being a part of a big family.”

“Desiree does everything possible as an OR scheduler to make things right – she is most courteous and respectful to everyone in the hospital and the doctors’ offices,” said Louise Tubbs, RN, Director of Surgical Services. “She is caring, compassionate and understanding at all times. I just love her as an employee. She always helps make the Operating Room a positive environment.”

The Employee of the Quarter award is for the individual staff member who went "beyond the call of duty" in his or her service to patients, their family members and guests and their teamwork and extra effort. Nominations can come from patients, guests, physicians, other employees or volunteers. They can recognize employees by completing a *Getting It Right* recognition form and placing it in one of the *Getting It Right* deposit boxes located near elevators on every floor of the hospital. Staff who receive nominations are considered for Employee of the Quarter honor by members of the hospital’s Administrative Council Team who review all nominations.

The Employee of the Quarter receives: \$250 gift certificate and other goodies; framed certificate of appreciation; preferred parking space for the quarter; recognition in VHH newsletter.

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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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