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Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board Welcomes New Member

(GLENDALE, CA – May 2, 2007) – The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board has appointed new member John R. Genovese for a three-year term.

Genovese, a native of Southern California, has lived in La Cañada for 26 years. With 32 years of brokerage business experience and an extensive marketing background, Genovese is chairman of the Western Region Risk Management practice with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in Glendale.

“I want to try to help enhance the profile of the hospital in the local community,” said Genovese. “I would like to see Verdugo Hills Hospital achieve a higher profile.”

Genovese, who has also been a patient at Verdugo Hills, said he has a good sense of the organization and likes the way the hospital staff treats its patients. In addition, he has participated in several fundraising events for the hospital, including the 2006 Annual Golf Classic.

Previously, Genovese served as chairman and CEO of Willis Risk & Insurance Services in Los Angeles for 14 years. Furthermore, he has managed the client service operation at insurance brokerage AON and predecessor companies.

Genovese received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of California in Santa Barbara.

The Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation Board officers include: Richard Harris, chairman; Marilyn Stein, vice chair; William Wells, treasurer; and Houry Aposhian, secretary. Other Board members include: Anthony Angelica, Hilyard Barr, William Baribault, Vincent Carabello, Richard Cook, David Elliott, Betty Hurn, Kate Kaneko, Margaret Kean, George Koide, Leonard LaBella, Terre Osterkamp, M.D., Allan Perry, Jr., M.D., Mary Reichley, Jeffrey Smith, Darrell Spence, Katharine Stoeber, Annsley Strong and Mark Sullivan.

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.

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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.

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 "Glendale's Best Hospital" for 2006 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff received accolades too. Dr. Jane Wada was voted "Best Dermatologist," Dr. Jeffrey Nilles "Best Ophthalmologist," Dr. James Henry "Best Pediatrician," Dr. Brad Aguirre "Best Podiatrist" and Dr. Samvel Hmayakyan "Best Family Practitioner." For more information, visit www.vhhospital.org.

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