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**SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S
2007 WINE AUCTION SETS RECORDS**
Ninth Annual Event Sees Record Attendance and Revenue

REDWOOD CITY, CA – June 27, 2007 – The Sequoia Hospital Foundation's Ninth Annual Wine Auction was held on June 21, 2007 at the private Atherton estate of Susan Burns, Foundation board member and owner of the San Francisco Giants. This year's event drew 325 attendees (*nearly tripling last year's attendance*) and raised more than \$170,000. Proceeds from the wine auction will fund the purchase of thirteen new specialized Hill-Rom *Affinity4*® labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum (LDRP) beds for Sequoia's Birth Center.

The first charity event hosted at the newly re-landscaped estate and entertainment pavilion, the evening began with guests wandering the grounds, tasting carefully paired food and wines artfully prepared by local wineries and restaurants. Chefs from Chantilly restaurant, John Bentley's, Half Moon Bay Smoke House, Whole Foods Market, Arguello Catering, Events Etc. and Tony Flier, executive chef of the Avenir Restaurant Group were paired with wines from Fogarty Winery, Blue Cellars, Monticello Vineyards, Michael Martella Vineyards and Domenico Wines.

Exceptional wines and wine-related items comprised the heavily-contested live and silent auctions with bidders competing for lots from Hanzell Vineyards, Scarecrow Wine, Adrian Fog, Demuth Winery and artist Karen Honaker among many, many others. Winery tours, travel, and dinners prepared by Master Chef Sean Conroy and San Francisco legend Nunzio Alioto made up just some of the unique auction lots.

Throughout the evening, guests had an opportunity to purchase an exception glass of Loius Perdreir Champagne for \$100. With each glass purchased came an opportunity to win a custom Stenzhorn grape brooch donated by Christensen & Rafferty Fine Jewelry of San Mateo and valued at \$9,800. 2006 Foundation Gala Ball Chair Marie Zahn was the evening's lucky winner, proudly leaving the event with this one-of-a-kind piece.

The evening concluded with the serving of fine desserts and port wine as the sun set. In fitting tribute to the beneficiary of the evening, Sequoia's Birth Center, guests were escorted to their cars with their auction purchases being carried in strollers and bassinets.

About Sequoia Hospital

Sequoia Hospital is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital providing innovative and exceptional healthcare to Bay Area residents. Sequoia, ranked among the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide, is a recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™, based on a study issued by HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings company. Offering a full range of medical, surgical and specialty programs, Sequoia also ranks in the top percentile of hospitals nationwide for patient satisfaction.

“Best in California for Overall Cardiac Services” in 2007 is another HealthGrades rating for Sequoia Hospital, which also received the HealthGrades 2007 Cardiac Care Excellence Award. Sequoia is the only hospital in Northern California to receive the award. The Sequoia Healthcare District and Catholic Healthcare West have governed the hospital jointly since 1996. To learn more, please visit: www.SequoiaHospital.org

Financial support from individuals, families, foundations and organizations is essential to maintain Sequoia's ability to offer excellent, state-of-the-art services and programs. Gifts to Sequoia Hospital Foundation support patient care and outreach services, programs and facilities to keep our hospital strong and our community healthy.