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“CIRQUE DU SEQUOIA: UNDER THE BIG TOP” A MAGICAL EVENING TO REMEMBER

REDWOOD CITY, CA – June 28, 2012 – The Sequoia Hospital Foundation hosted nearly 300 guests to an evening of food, wine and fun on the grounds of a private Atherton estate on June 22, 2012. Proceeds from the event will benefit Sequoia Hospital’s *award-winning* Birth Center. Event chairs Lisa Kerns and Kelley Roberts, together with their volunteer organizing committee, are pleased to announce that the event raised nearly \$200,000 which will be applied towards the construction and outfitting of a new birthing suite.

Voted Family Favorite “*Best Birth Center*” by the readers of Bay Area Parent magazine for the last two years, Sequoia averages more than one hundred and thirty-three deliveries per month, and that number is rising. Additional birthing suites will not only address Sequoia’s own need for increased birthing facilities but will allow the hospital to continue to serve as a collaborative partner with other healthcare facilities within the community.

(FOR REPORTERS ONLY: Event photographs courtesy of Drew Altizer Photography are available at <http://www.drewaltizer.com>)

Guests were welcomed “*Under the Big Top*” through an oversized red-draped entrance and once inside the estate grounds found more than 25 restaurants and wineries ready to serve them. John Bentley’s, Thomas Fogarty Winery, Woodside Vineyards, Left Bank Brasserie, Sodaro Estate Winery, Her Coconess Confections and Piacere Ristorante were among the event’s many serving partners. Following a silent auction and robust live auction led by Drs. Julie O’Callahan, Carol Merryfield and Beverly Joyce, one lucky attendee’s name was drawn to win a \$19,000 yellow diamond necklace graciously donated by Geoffrey’s Diamonds and Goldsmith of San Carlos. Guests then gathered on the dance floor to enjoy the live music of *Notorious*.

Guests included Howard and Martha Girdlestone, Lisa and Tim Kerns, Kelley and Mark Roberts, Wendy and Bader Behbehani, Roger Schwab and Denise Kupperman, Christina and Christophe Moustirats, Drs. Michael and Jane Marmor, Tim Wu, Lorry Lokey, Joanne Harrington, Gloria Kennett, Dr. Greg Engel, Sequoia Hospital Foundation Board Chair Steven San Filippo and his wife Julie and members of the boards of the Foundation and Sequoia Hospital.

For more information, please visit www.sequoiahospitalfoundationevents.org

About the Sequoia Hospital Foundation

For more than 25 years the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, has remained dedicated to supporting the life-saving mission of Sequoia Hospital. 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. The Foundation is proud to use 100% of every dollar donated to support patient care, programs and facilities to keep our hospital strong and our community healthy.

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About Sequoia Hospital

Sequoia Hospital, a Dignity Health Member, is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital providing innovative and exceptional health care for generations of Bay Area residents. Sequoia Hospital is rebuilding a state-of-the-art medical campus including a new four-story 148,000 sq. ft. pavilion, modernized emergency services and three floors of larger, private patient rooms. With a nationwide reputation for pioneering advanced cardiac care, Sequoia's Heart and Vascular Institute is designated as a 2012 Blue Distinction Center for Cardiac Care by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of California. Sequoia also excels in the areas of stroke care, emergency services, and birth center services. Voted "A Family Favorite 2012 Best Birth Center and Best Hospital" by readers of *Bay Area Parent* magazine, Sequoia ranks in the top percentile of U.S. hospitals for patient satisfaction and is a leader in quality and safety initiatives.

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