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**SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION 2012 GOLF TOURNAMENT A GREAT DAY FOR GREAT CAUSE**

REDWOOD CITY, CA – September 24, 2012 – The Sequoia Hospital Foundation hosted its 2012 Invitational Golf Tournament on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Menlo Park's prestigious Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club. Tournament co-chairs Gregory Engel, M.D., Beverly Joyce, M.D. and Greg Kemist are pleased to announce that the day's events raised nearly \$150,000 with proceeds from this year's sold-out tournament benefiting the upcoming expansion and renovation of Sequoia Hospital's *award-winning* Emergency Department.

Sequoia Hospital's Emergency Department (ED) currently handles more than 20,000 visits annually. HealthGrades™, the leading independent health care ratings company, awarded Sequoia Hospital its *Emergency Medicine Excellence Award 2012* and ranked Sequoia *Among the Top 5% in the Nation for Emergency Medicine 2012*. As a part of the hospital's new state-of-the-art medical campus, Sequoia's renovated ED will see increases both in size and efficiency of space. The redesigned department will feature private treatment rooms, a family consultation and meditation area and a spacious, comfortable waiting room. The ED expansion will further include a larger nursing station and triage area and a redesigned entry to better accommodate trauma and ambulance admissions.

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

Guests at the Foundation's 28<sup>th</sup> tournament were joined by professional Golfer Mark Pfeil, a veteran of both the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour and a two-time All American during his time at the University of Southern California. Pfeil led a golfer's clinic before the tournament's shotgun start and was on-hand throughout the day to provide individualized feedback to each golfer about their play and pose for photos with team foursomes. After the tournament golfers returned to the club house for the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole reception, dinner and a brief auction. During the reception it was announced that the foursome of James Zimmerman, M.D., Michael Goffredo, Gregg Pichler and Tyler Ichikawa were the overall tournament winners, taking the First Place, Low Gross prize. Their names will be added to the Foundation's trophy, begun in 1984.

Plans are already underway for the 2013 Sequoia Hospital Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament to be held on September 9, 2013 at the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club.

For more information, please visit [www.sequoiahospitalfoundation.org](http://www.sequoiahospitalfoundation.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. Recognized for superior and sustained clinical quality, the hospital received the 2012 America's 100 Best Hospitals Award™ and the 2012 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ from HealthGrades®, a leading provider of comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

A nationally known pioneer in 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 was also voted "A Family Favorite 2012 Best Birth Center and Best Hospital" by readers of *Bay Area Parent* magazine. Sequoia Hospital is rebuilding a state-of-the-art medical campus, including modernized emergency services and a new pavilion with three floors of larger, private patient rooms.

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