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SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S 2013 CIRQUE DU SEQUOIA A MAGICAL EVENING UNDER THE STARS

REDWOOD CITY, CA – June 27, 2013 – The Sequoia Hospital Foundation hosted nearly 250 guests to an evening of food, wine and fun on the oak-shaded grounds of a private Atherton estate on June 21, 2013. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Foundation's campaign to provide funding for the redesign, renovation and expansion of Sequoia Hospital's *award-winning* Birth Center. This year's event, honoring the late Drs. William Kennett and John Hoff, two of Sequoia Hospital's pioneering obstetricians, formally launched the effort and raised nearly \$225,000.

A dollar-for-dollar matching "*challenge*" investment by community philanthropist Lorry Lokey, means the event actually generated almost \$450,000 for Sequoia's patient care and programs. Mr. Lokey's funds will establish a "*building and technology*" fund to support future medical advances at Sequoia, assuring that the hospital remains a respected center of excellence in our community for generations to come. Mr. Lokey's challenge will continue to match all funds raised by the Foundation up to \$2.5 million, through January 31, 2014.

Voted Family Favorite "*Best Birth Center*" by the readers of Bay Area Parent magazine for the last three years, Sequoia averages more than one hundred and thirty-three deliveries per month, and that number is rising. As Sequoia opens our new state-of-the-art Patient Pavilion and other departments transition into this facility, the Birth Center will be completely renovated, redesigned and expanded within the third floor of the existing building. Plans include doubling the capacity of the Level 2 Nursery, a first-of-its-kind partnership with the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital; adding additional private air-conditioned home-like birthing suites; creating select larger, VIP accommodations with separate but connected family rooms; and expanding nursing and family waiting areas.

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

Cirque du Sequoia guests were welcomed "*Under the Big Top*" through an oversized red-draped entrance and once inside the estate grounds found more than 25 restaurants, wineries and partners ready to serve them. John Bentley's, Thomas Fogarty Winery, LB Steak, Frog's Tooth Winery, Evvia Estiatorio, Sbragia Family Vineyards, Her Coconess Confections, Cameron Hughes Wines and Chantilly Restaurant were among the event's many serving partners. Following a silent auction and robust live auction one lucky attendee's name was drawn to win a \$5,000 diamond pendant graciously donated by Stephen Silver Fine Jewelry. Attendees concluded the evening dancing under the oaks.

Guests included Lorry Lokey, Joanne Harrington, Mervin and Roslyn Morris, Howard and Martha Girdlestone, newly elected Foundation Board Chair Gloria Kennett and family, Roger Schwab, Denise Kupperman, Tim Wu, Dr. and Mrs. Chris Threatt, Dr. Lisa Boohar, Anne Le Zibblatt, Peter Zibblatt, Drs. Gary and JD Hoff and Ted Hannig of the Danford Foundation among many others.

For more information, please visit www.sequoiahospitalfoundation.org

About the Sequoia Hospital Foundation

For nearly thirty 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. In late 2013, the hospital will celebrate the opening of a rebuilt, state-of-the-art medical campus, including modernized emergency services and an all-new pavilion with three floors of larger, private patient rooms.

Recognized for superior and sustained clinical quality, the hospital received the 2013 America's 50 Best Hospitals Award™ and the 2013 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ from HealthGrades®, a leading provider of comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals. Sequoia's Heart and Vascular Institute is a nationally known pioneer in advanced cardiac care. The hospital was voted "A Family Favorite 2012 Best Birth Center and Best Hospital" by readers of *Bay Area Parent* magazine.

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