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BURNS FAMILY FOUNDATION
GIVES \$1 MILLION FOR NEW SEQUOIA HOSPITAL

REDWOOD CITY, CA- September 12, 2011 – The Burns Family Foundation has pledged \$1 million to help build and equip Redwood City’s new Sequoia Hospital. The gift was made to The New Sequoia Hospital Campaign, which has raised more than \$11.5 million.

The Sequoia Hospital Foundation has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with the Burns family. In 1996, Harmon Burns, Vice Chairman of Franklin Resources and a key owner of the San Francisco Giants, joined the Foundation Board of Directors. Together, Harmon and his wife Sue were passionate supporters of Sequoia Hospital and hosted the Foundation’s annual wine auction at their Atherton estate until Harmon’s passing. Sue joined the Foundation Board in 2007, continuing to host the annual wine auction and co-chairing the Foundation’s annual gala for two years. At the time of her own untimely passing, Sue was serving as co-chair for the New Sequoia Hospital Campaign. The Burns’ next generation, daughters Tori and Trina and son-in-law Robert Dean, have continued their parent’s work, serving as host of the annual food and wine event, and supporting Sequoia’s programs. In 2009, Robert Dean, an investment advisor and founder of Harmony Capital, joined the Sequoia Hospital Foundation Finance Committee. In 2010, Mr. Dean was elected to the Foundation Board of Directors.

In honor of this gift, Sequoia Hospital will be home to the Burns Family Foundation Cardiac Special Procedures Area on the hospital’s first floor.

“Sequoia Hospital has cared for three generations of our family,” noted sisters Trina Dean and Tori Burns. *“We’re proud to publically recognize the place Sequoia occupies in our hearts and in our family. We discussed this gift with our parents while they were with us and as a family we remain committed to helping assure other family’s receive the same care we have always enjoyed at Sequoia.”*

Sequoia is building a new hospital at its historic site in Redwood City, at the intersection of Alameda de las Pulgas and Whipple Avenue. The new hospital campus, opening in the winter of 2012, will be a full-service, 148,000 square foot, four-story building located in the center of the Sequoia campus adjacent to the existing hospital facility.

Two floors of the new hospital pavilion, approximately 50% of the entire new hospital, will be dedicated to cardiac and vascular services. Plans for the new hospital also include an inpatient surgery center with two suites designed to accommodate open-heart surgery and a 16-bed intensive care unit. Virtually all of the patient rooms will be private rooms and they will have sleeping accommodations for family members. Key areas of the existing Sequoia Hospital facility will be renovated as part of the new hospital project such as the Emergency Department, the Birthing Center, food services and imaging.

The projected total cost to build the new Sequoia hospital is \$240 million. This total cost will be met by a collaborative financing plan that calls for \$75 million funded by Catholic Healthcare West, \$75 million from Sequoia Hospital, \$75 million from the Sequoia Healthcare District and \$15 million from philanthropic contributions raised by the Sequoia Hospital Foundation. The Sequoia Hospital Foundation is conducting an area-wide fundraising campaign with a minimum goal of \$15 million.

“This gift is deeply meaningful because it is truly a family gift and comes out of a deep-seated relationship with all members of the Burns/Dean family,” commented JoAnn Kemist, President of the Sequoia Hospital Foundation. *“It is heartwarming to witness the spirit of philanthropy passed from generation to generation and to see Tori, Trina and Robert continue the support that Harmon and Sue began.”*

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 and outreach services, programs and facilities to keep our hospital strong and our community healthy. To learn more, please visit www.sequoiahospitalfoundation.org

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About Sequoia Hospital

Sequoia Hospital is an accredited, not-for-profit community hospital providing innovative and exceptional healthcare 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 2011 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 2011 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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