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“AN EVENING WITH BILL COSBY” IS AN EVENT TO REMEMBER
Guests come out to laugh and support Sequoia Hospital’s Heart & Vascular Institute

REDWOOD CITY, CA – March 29, 2012 – The Sequoia Hospital Foundation hosted a sold-out ballroom of guests to an elegant invitation-only *Evening With Bill Cosby* on March 24, 2012 at the Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay. Proceeds from the \$1,000 per plate event will benefit Sequoia Hospital’s world-class Heart & Vascular Institute. Event chairs Paula Uccelli and Tamara and Dr. Hardwin Mead are pleased to announce that the event raised more than \$400,000, with donations continuing to come in. Fully 50% of the New Sequoia Hospital, currently under construction and opening in 2013, will be dedicated to cardiac services.

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

Fifty guests, each of whom paid a premium for the experience, began their evening with an exclusive *meet-and-greet* opportunity with Mr. Cosby. The legendary entertainer donated his time and performance as a special honor to his childhood friend, Sequoia Hospital’s Edward Anderson, M.D. Dr. Anderson is a well-respected cardiologist with the peninsula-based Silicon Valley Cardiology practice and grew up in the same neighborhood in Philadelphia as Mr. Cosby. *Meet-and-greet* guests had the opportunity to pose for pictures with Mr. Cosby and left the reception with a signed copy of his new best-selling book, *I didn’t Ask to Be Born (But I’m Glad I Was)*.

All guests for the evening were then treated to the Ritz-Carlton’s signature dinner before viewing a brief video produced for the evening. The presentation highlighted Sequoia’s award-winning care and featured physicians, staff and grateful patients relating their experiences at the hospital. Master of Ceremonies Dr. Chris Threatt moved the evening’s program along, leading up to the main event, Mr. Cosby’s performance. The comedian, actor, author and entertainer entertained the guests for more than 90 minutes before closing the evening.

Guests included former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Giants legend Willie Mays, Assembly member Rich Gordon, Lee Mendelson, Lorry Lokey, Joanne Harrington, Joe and Nancy Greenbach, Jim and Gerry Plunkett, Lynn and Roger Winkle, M.D., Marc and Marjorie McMorris, Gloria Kennett, Hiro and Betty Ogawa, Luis Castro, M.D., Eva Jones, Joan and Michael O’Holleran, M.D., Gerrye Wong, Tom Hinohara, M.D., Sequoia Hospital Foundation Board Chair Steven San Filippo and his wife Julie and members of the boards of the Foundation, the hospital and Dignity Health.

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 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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