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**SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD CHAIR  
Gloria Kennett Elected to Serve as Chair by Fellow Board Members**

REDWOOD CITY, CA – April 22, 2013 – JoAnn Kemist, President of the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, is pleased to announce the election of Gloria Kennett as the Chair-Elect of the Foundation's Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors unanimously named Mrs. Kennett at their meeting last week. Kennett's term will officially begin July 1, 2013.

Together with her husband, William Kennett, M.D. and others, Mrs. Kennett helped to found the Sequoia Hospital Foundation nearly thirty years ago. Mrs. Kennett was elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors in 2005. She has been instrumental in developing and growing the Dr. William Kennett Memorial Nursing Scholarship Program in memory of her husband, a well-respected physician who, during his years at Sequoia Hospital, helped deliver more than six thousand babies. In the scholarship program's eight years, it has awarded fifty-three scholarships totaling nearly \$540,000 in support and has funded a \$400,000 endowment. In addition to the scholarship program, Mrs. Kennett served as Co-Chair of the \$20 million New Sequoia Hospital campaign, working tirelessly to raise funds in support of the hospital's new state-of-the-art patient pavilion, opening later this year.

*"Gloria has been the heart and soul of this foundation for longer than many of us can remember,"* noted Ms. Kemist. *"Her leadership and philanthropic acumen both within the Sequoia family as well as our larger community make her a natural leader as we open the new hospital campus and bridge our sixty-year legacy of care with the bright promise of Sequoia's future."*

*"It is a very personal honor to come full circle with such an extraordinary organization,"* said Mrs. Kennett. *"Sequoia Hospital has been a home-away-from-home for my family for nearly sixty years. Bill and I believed strongly in the people, the programs and the work being done here and I have committed myself to working to make sure that Sequoia Hospital is always here when friends, family and neighbors need excellent care."*

*"That care looks very different today, however, than it did when we arrived at Sequoia,"* continued Mrs. Kennett. *"Surgical robotics and wireless telemetry monitors for new mothers in our birth center couldn't have been imagined then, but are exactly what our Foundation is funding today. At its heart though, Sequoia is still about the individualized patient-centered care Dr. Bill embodied so clearly and which our young nursing students now learn so well."*

## **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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