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**SEQUOIA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION HOSTS FOOD AND WINE EVENT IN SUPPORT  
OF MEDICAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

REDWOOD CITY, CA- June 29, 2011 – On Friday, June 24, 2011 the Sequoia Hospital Foundation held its thirteenth annual food and wine event, *A Sunset Safari*, to benefit the mission and programs of Sequoia Hospital. This year's event, the largest to date raising in excess of \$167,500, was dedicated to supporting the strategic innovation and technology the hospital will utilize as it expands into its new facility in just under eighteen months and looks to care for our community's coming generations.

*"In anticipation of both short and long term advances in medical technology, our foundation, in alignment with hospital management, is raising philanthropic support to fund the equipment that will enable Sequoia hospital to remain a pioneering center of excellence in our community,"* observed JoAnn Kemist, President of the Sequoia Hospital Foundation. *"By remaining on top of the technological curve, Sequoia is positioned to attract and retain the most highly skilled physicians and practitioners, resulting in the finest care available for our patients."*

Nearly forty restaurants, wineries, food and beverage partners including **Madera Sand Hill, Lambert Bridge Winery, Chef John Bentley, David Coffaro Winery, Patron** and **Donato Enoteca** were on-hand to serve the Safari guests. Brief opening remarks by Foundation Board Chair **Steve San Filippo** and event Co-Chair **Lisa Boohar, M.D.** were followed by a successful live auction during which attendees bid on exclusive auction items that included a couture package with a custom dress by **BRAVO TV's Calvin Tran**, shoes by designer **Martha Davis**, jewelry by **Myrna Bergeron of Panacea Designs** and hair styling by San Francisco's **Gina Khan Hair Salon**.

**Geoffrey's Diamonds and Goldsmith** of San Carlos donated a \$15,000, 7.5 total carat diamond tennis bracelet that was taken home by one lucky donor to the evening's unique Last Man Standing event. Following the awarding of the bracelet, guests danced into the night, concluding the magical evening under the stars.

**WHO/ NOTABLES:** Sunset Safari Co-Chairs **Lisa Boohar, M.D.** and **Denise Brown, M.D.**; Sequoia Hospital President and C.E.O. **Glenna Vaskelis**; Sequoia Hospital Foundation President, **JoAnn Kemist** and her husband Greg and Foundation Chair **Steve San Filippo** and his wife Julie; Physicians **Greg Engel, M.D., Beverly Joyce, M.D., Sarah Donaldson, M.D., Umang Mehta, M.D.,** and **Chris Threat, M.D.**; and community residents, philanthropists and businesses owners **Lorey Lokey, Joanne Harrington, Denise Kupperman, Roger Schwab, Sandy Ferrando, the Honorable Quentin Kopp, Lori Lochtefeld, and Anne LeZiblat.**

**WHEN:** Friday, June 24, 2011

**WHERE:** Hosted by the Burns/Dean families, owners of the San Francisco Giants, at their private Atherton estate.

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[http://www.drewaltizer.com/event.php?event\\_id=2595](http://www.drewaltizer.com/event.php?event_id=2595)

**About the Sequoia Hospital Foundation:**

For more than a quarter of a century the Sequoia Hospital Foundation, a 501(c)3 not - for - profit organization, has been 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](http://www.sequoiahospitalfoundation.org).

**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, expanded 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 2010 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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