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Phoenix Children's Hospital receives prestigious teaching hospital designation

Phoenix--The Administrative Board of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH) unanimously endorsed Phoenix Children's Hospital for full COTH membership, distinguishing it as one of the nation's leading teaching hospitals and the only children's hospital in the South West to receive this honor.

Currently, Phoenix Children's Hospital is in the midst of a multi-year \$588 million expansion of its central campus to meet the needs of a projected shortage of pediatric hospital beds in the State, but it's also providing for the growing needs of the community by recruiting more pediatric specialists, nurses and by training future doctors, nurses and other medical personnel.

"Arizona is one of the fastest growing states in the nation, and Phoenix Children's is committed to meeting the future healthcare needs of children – both through expansion of our facility, medical staff and through education of medical students and resident physicians," said Robert Meyer, president and CEO of Phoenix Children's Hospital. "We are honored to receive this distinction and look forward to continuing to provide education and growth opportunities for the healthcare professionals of tomorrow."

Teaching hospitals are providers of primary care and routine patient services, as well centers for experimental, innovative and technically sophisticated services. Many of the advances started in the research laboratories of medical schools are incorporated into patient care through clinical research programs at teaching hospitals. Additionally, teaching hospitals are special places that help the underserved and provide unique and comprehensive services for the general public. To become a COTH member, hospitals must sponsor or significantly participate in at least four approved, active residency programs.

"Education has always been a high priority at Phoenix Children's Hospital and we have had a highly successful residency program here for 25 years." said Dr. Melvin Cohen, Director of Medical Education at Phoenix Children's. "We offer these residency programs so our physicians are able to provide the best in pediatric care. This prestigious distinction will allow us to continue to grow and provide additional educational opportunities for resident physicians."

The Association of American Medical College's COTH is composed of approximately 400 teaching hospitals and health system.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest children's hospitals in the nation. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Phoenix Children's leadership position. For information, visit the Hospital's web site at www.phoenixchildrens.com.