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Leadership Circle Announces \$160,000 Gift to Phoenix Children's Hospital

Group of Donors Unites To Fund Six Hospital Initiatives

PHOENIX, Ariz. (May 16, 2006) – The Leadership Circle of Phoenix Children's Hospital, a collective group of Hospital donors, announced that it is providing the Hospital with more than \$160,000 in state-of-the-art equipment, cutting-edge research, and innovative programs and services.

The Leadership Circle raises money through annual membership dues. Members decide as a group how to allocate funds after meeting with various Hospital departments and programs.

“The Leadership Circle is truly a dynamic and enthusiastic group of supporters who decide where and how their money is used by the Hospital,” said Steven Schnall, vice president of the Phoenix Children’s Hospital Foundation. “The Leadership Circle launched its inaugural year in 2005, and the interest in it has grown immensely. The members obviously want to give back to the Hospital and the community, but they also enjoy having the opportunity to learn more about what we do here at Phoenix Children's, and become part of the decision-making process.”

This year the Leadership Circle chose to allocate their funds in the following areas:

- **\$35,000 to the Children’s Heart Center for an Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS).** The ECLS is a mechanical heart and lung support used during situations of life-threatening cardio-respiratory failure. It is the most cutting-edge advancement in life support technology available today.
- **\$35,000 for two programs within the Hospital’s Teen Clinic.** The Transitional Clinic for Youth with Special Health Care Needs will address the needs of teens transitioning to adulthood by identifying education and vocational training opportunities. The Teen Tot Clinic will provide a specialized model of medical care and social services to teen parents (who are at a greater risk of inadequate education and poverty) and their children (who are more at risk for long term learning and behavior problems).
- **\$35,000 for a Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders research initiative.** The statewide research initiative regarding pediatric brain tumors has the potential to lead to new classifications and

chemotherapeutic options that may eventually improve the medical treatment and overall cure rates of children with aggressive brain tumors.

- **\$24,000 for a Neuro-Development Evaluation Program.** This program will provide quality follow up care by pediatric developmental specialists to families who experience a premature birth or a multiple pregnancy, providing ongoing evaluation, family education, and help identifying early developmental issues.
- **\$17,000 for a Head Start Asthma Prevention Program.** This program will provide Head Start children and families with regular asthma screenings, referrals to community programs for asthma care, and individualized health plans, training, and education for children newly diagnosed with asthma.
- **\$14,000 for the implementation of COPE in the NICU.** Creating Opportunities for Parent Empowerment (COPE) is an established in-patient support program for parents whose child is in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) following a premature birth. The program aims to reduce stress and anxiety of NICU parents, as well as improve parent/infant interactions.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest free-standing children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the State practice at this one organization. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Children's leadership position. For information about Phoenix Children's, visit the Hospital's award-winning website at www.phoenixchildrens.com.