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Southwest's Largest Critical Care Unit for Kids Honored for Safe, Effective, Efficient Care

PHOENIX, Ariz. (July 20, 2006) – The Sybil B. Harrington Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Phoenix Children's Hospital was recently honored for the department's delivery of effective, efficient, and safe patient care. The Child Health Corporation of America (CHCA) awarded Phoenix Children's with "The Blood Stream Infection Safety Collaborative Award" and the "We Came. We Saw. We Conquered Award."

"The Blood Stream Infection Safety Collaborative Award" recognizes the ability of the Hospital's PICU team to reduce catheter-associated blood stream infections, achieving one of the highest standards and assessment scores from CHCA. The department was also with the "We Came. We Saw. We Conquered Award" acknowledging great strides and accomplishments they have made as a team. Phoenix Children's PICU Blood Stream Infection team members include Elizabeth Zorn, MD; Melanie Brewer, DNSc, RN; Gayle Bielanski, BS, RN, CPHQ; Andrea Bucci, BSN, RN; Roni Cummings, MSN, RN; Lisa Keller, BSN, RN; Esther Munoz, BSN, RN, CIC; Philip Nevin, RN; Kris Szudajski, MS, RN; Deborah Wesley, MSN, RN, chief nursing executive (CNE), Vice President of Clinical Services; and all PICU staff.

The CHCA Quality and Safety awards distinguish hospitals that use CHCA data and improvement initiatives to demonstrate significant and sustained improvements in the delivery of safe, quality care. Phoenix Children's is one of 41 CHCA Owner Hospitals.

The Sybil B. Harrington Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Phoenix Children's has a total of 40 beds staffed by nine pediatric intensivists and nearly 200 nursing and ancillary staff. The Hospital's PICU is the largest in the Southwest and one of the largest in the country. Phoenix Children's PICU is the only unit of its kind in a freestanding children's hospital offering all critical care services, including neuro-resuscitation, trauma, cardiac care, endocrine, and hematology/oncology. Four of the nine intensivists and at least 15 nurses in the Critical Care department have worked for Phoenix Children's longer than 15 years.

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.