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Phoenix Children's Hospital Rolls Out Red Carpet to Thank Volunteers

Volunteers Donated More Than 44,000 Hours of Service in 2005

PHOENIX, Ariz. (April 21, 2006) – Each day, nearly 400 volunteers are making a difference at Phoenix Children's Hospital. These "stars of service" walk the red carpet at the **2006 Volunteer Awards Luncheon on Sat., April 29, from Noon to 2 p.m. at Phoenix Children's**, honoring their commitment to kids.

In 2005, Phoenix Children's Hospital received 38,054 hours of service from in-hospital volunteers, with an additional 6,030 volunteered hours at community projects and events. This contribution represents a value of nearly \$800,000 in donated time.

"Each volunteer has a personal reason for spending time at Phoenix Children's, but most agree on one thing – they remain committed to the hospital because they believe that they receive more than they give," said Teresa Boeger, Director of Volunteer Services at Phoenix Children's.

The Academy Awards themed luncheon includes volunteer awards in the categories of:

- **Best Comedic Performance:** Volunteers painted or glittered in hospital playrooms.
- **Best In A Drama:** Volunteers who provide a shoulder to cry on.
- **Best Producer:** Kohl's Department Stores – Kohl's Cares for Kids program, which supports Phoenix Children's volunteer services. Kohl's presents the hospital with \$233,160 for program growth and development.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** It's been a decade of service for Pamela Miller, self-proclaimed "grandmother to all," who has spent 10 years volunteering as a hospital hugger and playroom helper.

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.