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**Phoenix Children's Center for Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine
Grows with Addition of Pediatric Psychiatrists**

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Dec. 20, 2006) – Responding to a growing demand for pediatric psychiatry services in Arizona, Phoenix Children's Center for Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine recently added two pediatric psychiatrists, Raymond Bunch, MD, and Karen Kando, MD. The additions bring the Center to a total of four pediatric psychiatrists – including Hospital veterans Eric Benjamin, MD, and Randall Ricardi, DO – and one pediatric psychiatry nurse practitioner, Diane Roth, PsyNP.

“We recognize the acute and growing need for pediatric psychiatry services in this state, and doubling the size of our practice is just the start of what this Hospital is doing to address that need,” said Robert Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Bunch, a specialist in addiction psychiatry, comes to Phoenix Children's from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Denver, CO, where he completed his medical degree; an internship in community medicine; internships and residencies in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry; and a fellowship in addiction psychiatry.

Kando earned her pediatric medical degree at the Astrakhan State Medical Institute in Astrakhan, Russia before working in Chicago as a medical education facilitator with the Compass Medical Education and the Kaplan Medical Center. Kando then went on to pursue her specialized medical training at the Maricopa Integrated Health System, completing her internship and residency in psychiatry and her fellowship in child psychiatry. She is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Phoenix Children's Hospital Center for Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine enjoys the dominant case volume in pediatric neurosciences of any hospital in the Valley. Specialized medical equipment, pediatric patient rooms, and pediatric specialists -- in addition to the hospital's family-centered focus -- make the Center uniquely qualified to treat pediatric patients. The program is looking toward the future by placing a large emphasis on teaching and research activities, rounding out what has become a comprehensive, integrated, and groundbreaking neuroscience program at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

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 website at www.phoenixchildrens.com.