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Phoenix Children's Hospital announces Medical Staff leaders for 2006-2007

Officers to oversee projected growth at Hospital during next two years

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Jan. 11, 2006) – The Phoenix Children's Hospital Medical Staff has announced its officers for the 2006-2007 term. This leadership team will guide the Hospital during the next two years of projected growth. The Medical Staff is comprised of more than 650 physicians who treat and admit patients to Phoenix Children's. The officers, along with committee chairs, meet regularly to help shape the quality of patient care at the Hospital.

The Officers for the 2006-2007 term are: David Notrica, MD, President; Mitchell Shub, MD, Past President (2004-2005); Luis Argueso, MD, Vice President; Michelle Huddleston, MD, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert MacLeod, DO, Member at Large; John Milligan, MD, Member at Large; Michael Arbel, MD, Member at Large; James Padrez, MD, Member at Large; Carrie Schaefer, MD, Member at Large; and Bruce Morgenstern, MD, Phoenix Children's Medical Group Representative.

“Each of these individuals is committed to improving patient care at the Hospital, and we look forward to helping bring some exciting new programs and services to Phoenix Children's in the coming years,” said Notrica, a pediatric surgeon who has been at Phoenix Children's since 1999.

Among the many plans for the Hospital over the next several years includes the addition of a Ronald McDonald House to its Thomas campus; a new cardiac cath lab; an expanded neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and a Level One trauma center. Phoenix Children's Hospital added 14 physicians to its team of pediatric specialists in 2005. The Hospital continues to prepare for the expected growth in the Phoenix area's pediatric population, which is expected to reach 1.5 million by 2030, up from 900,000 today.*

“Looking back over the past two years, it's breathtaking to consider the progress we've made in such a short time,” said Shub, who served as the staff's president during the 2004-2005 term.. “The best part is we've only just begun.”

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For bios or photographs of medical staff officers, contact Jessica Catlin at (602) 546-5877 or jcatlin@phoenixchildrens.com.

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