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Phoenix Children's, ASU Seeking Healthy Boys, Ages 6 – 14, to Participate in Study

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 29, 2007) – This puts a new twist on science homework: boys ages 6 to 14 can help advance the study of medical science by participating in a Phoenix Children's Hospital research study.

Healthy boys, ages 6-14, and one parent are wanted to serve as the study's comparison group. Boys will participate in math and reading activities, as well as a computer based assignment. Parents will be asked to complete rating scales, answer a questionnaire, and give permission to access their son's educational records. Researchers are unable to enroll more than one boy per family or boys who have spoken English for less than two years, have mental retardation, a chronic illness, or are currently inpatient at Phoenix Children's.

The study will take 60 to 90 minutes, with day and evening appointments available at the Hospital (1919 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, 85016). Participants – child and parent – will each receive a \$10 Target gift card. To enroll, contact Study Coordinator Marsha Spencer at marsha.spencer@asu.edu or (480) 628-6764.

The Hemophilia Center at Phoenix Children's Hospital is the largest program of its kind in Arizona, and one of the largest in the country. The Center, part of the Hospital's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, treats children with hemophilia and other hematologic disorders. The study is being conducted in partnership with Arizona State University.

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 Phoenix Children's leadership position. For information about Phoenix Children's, visit the Hospital's website at www.phoenixchildrens.com.