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**Phoenix Children's Hospital and Sun Health  
Collaborate To Expand Pediatric Healthcare Services in West Valley**

**(PHOENIX, Ariz., March 21, 2007)** -- Phoenix Children's Hospital and Sun Health announced today that they will collaborate to bring pediatric services to the major medical campus being developed in Surprise and discussions are underway for more extensive collaborations in the west Valley.

The collaboration joins the largest healthcare group in the west Valley and the state's leading hospital for children. Phoenix Children's Hospital and Sun Health will be anchors in the 160,000 sq. ft. Ambulatory Complex on the Medical Campus at the City of Surprise, expected to open in mid-2008.

"Working together, Phoenix Children's and Sun Health will provide unparalleled service to the rapidly growing West valley," said Larry Smith, Chief Financial Officer for Phoenix Children's Hospital. "The Valley's pediatric population is expected to reach 1.5 million by 2030. Phoenix Children's is growing to meet their needs, both on our main campus and in communities throughout the Valley."

Bob Stump, R-Dist. 9, who chairs the Arizona Legislature's House Health Committee and district includes the City of Surprise and other west Valley communities, hails the venture as a positive development for all ages of residents in the rapidly growing area.

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“Both Sun Health, which has been caring for west Valley residents for decades, and Phoenix Children's Hospital bring extraordinary resources in healthcare delivery to the City of Surprise and surrounding areas,” Stump said. “The combined expertise of these two recognized healthcare providers means all west Valley residents – regardless of age – have access to outstanding medical services.”

Sun Health, which operates Sun Health Boswell and Del E. Webb hospitals, already has an Urgent Care in Surprise. The new planned Medical Campus will bring physician office space to Surprise along with medical diagnostics and imaging services, ambulatory surgery and an expanded Urgent Care Center. Phoenix Children's will provide specially trained pediatricians and staff to serve children in the new expanded Urgent Care Center.

“While Sun Health has been the leading provider of medical service to Surprise residents for decades, this collaboration with Phoenix Children's Hospital will provide even greater resources for the rapidly expanding number of young families” says Keith Dines, Executive Vice President for Strategic Business Development at Sun Health.

Sun Health and Phoenix's Children also announced that Phoenix Children's will begin recruiting general pediatricians to the Surprise area. General pediatrics is one of the services Sun Health and the City of Surprise identified as an essential need in the city along with pediatric subspecialty care - children are the fastest growing age cohort in Surprise.

Discussions are underway between Phoenix Children's and Sun Health for more extensive collaborations in the west Valley. These discussions include opportunities for inpatient pediatric services and the need for subspecialty pediatrics in Surprise and other west Valley locations currently being planned by Sun Health in Peoria and Buckeye.

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### **About 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 specialist 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, visit the Hospital's Web site at [www.phoenixchildrens.com](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).

### **About Sun Health**

Sun Health is the largest healthcare provider in the west Valley, serving all ages with diverse health services and programs. The network provides comprehensive acute hospital, outpatient, rehabilitation and emergency care through the award-winning **Sun Health Boswell and Del E. Webb hospitals**; internationally recognized biomedical research through **Sun Health Research Institute**; sophisticated cardiovascular care through the **Sun Health Heart Center**; wellness programs and advanced orthopedic care. Visit [www.sunhealth.org](http://www.sunhealth.org) or call Sun HealthLine® at 623/876-5432 for more information.