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Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center receives
major gift from physician donor, Dr. Milka Rols
Donations totaling \$500,000 to benefit hospice patients and improve quality

(San Francisco) – Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (Laguna Honda) today announces the acceptance of donations totaling \$500,000 by **Dr. Milka Rols**, a former Laguna Honda physician. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted to accept and expend the gift at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

Laguna Honda a 780-bed acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility, is part of the San Francisco Health Network, and is operated by the Department of Public Health. Dr. Rols, who worked at Laguna Honda from 1980 to 1996, has observed first-hand the special needs of patients at end-of-life care and the dedication of Laguna Honda's staff. Dr. Rols directed \$400,000 to benefit hospital patients who were receiving end-of-life care and \$100,000 to support staff quality improvement, education, and training.

"We are thankful for Dr. Rols' generous gift that will help continue important and often overlooked end-of-life care for the City's safety net population. All Laguna Honda patients who are receiving palliative and end-of-life care will benefit from Dr. Rols' generosity and kindness." said Health Commission President **Edward Chow**.

"It is often said that the greatness of a society can be measured by how we treat our weakest members. We are extremely proud of the care that Laguna Honda and the rest of the San Francisco Health Network provide to people who need it most, every day. Dr. Rols' gift will allow us to continue to enhance the quality of care that is delivered to our sickest at their most vulnerable time." said Health Director **Barbara Garcia**.

"We are tremendously grateful for this thoughtful gift from a member of the Laguna Honda family." said Executive Administrator **Mivic Hirose**. "This gift will make a valuable difference to patients who are receiving palliative care and to support staff in promoting quality improvement, allowing us to provide additional services to improve our organization."

Laguna Honda is a nationally recognized center of excellence in care for seniors and adults with disabilities. It was rebuilt in 2010 and is now the most modern skilled nursing facility in the country with specialties in dementia, palliative care, HIV/AIDS, rehabilitation and complex chronic conditions.

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Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center with a licensed capacity of 780 beds, is a member of the San Francisco Health Network, the integrated delivery system operated by the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Laguna Honda's mission is to provide high quality, culturally competent rehabilitation and skilled nursing services to the diverse population of San Francisco. The hospital provides acute medical and rehabilitation care, skilled nursing and outpatient specialty clinic services to seniors and adults with disabilities. Patients at Laguna Honda have access to a comprehensive system of care that spans the continuum, including acute, post-acute, rehabilitation, skilled and restorative nursing, palliative care, end of life, chronic care and outpatient services. The Center also provides specialized services for individuals who have Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, HIV/AIDS, traumatic brain injury and complex behaviors. Laguna Honda was rebuilt in 2010 as California's first green-certified hospital (LEED Silver) with the most modern rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility designed to promote the healing effects of being located on 62-acre campus, in the west of Twin Peaks district of San Francisco.

For more information about Laguna Honda, visit www.lagunahonda.org