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**Villa Esperanza Services Tournament of Hope a Swinging Success**

*19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds to Support the Developmentally Disabled*

**Glendora, CALIF – Monday, September 25, 2006 – (L to R) Bill Phelps, Paul Garnica and Dann Sarnoski** at Villa Esperanza Services' 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament of Hope held on Monday, September 25 at Glendora Country Club. Villa Esperanza Services celebrates over 45 years of service for children and adults diagnosed with developmental disabilities such as **autism** and Down syndrome. The event took place at **Glendora Country Club** and raised over \$150,000 to benefit Villa's programs. Wells Fargo Private Client Services was again the lead sponsor of the tournament.

Over 140 golfers from around the Southland participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual event chaired by Board Member Vrajesh Lal, CEO of Wrapper USA. Committee members included: Charles Adams III, Brenda Allen, Annette Brandin, Karen Brown, David Carlson, R-lene Mijares de Lang, John Deniston, Min Higa, Philip and Barbara Ito, Robert Loebbecke, Linda Lucero, Edi Metcalf, Debbie Meymarian, Rita Milostan, Joseph Moore, Kathy Palmer, Tom Recendez, Kathy Waller and Herb Weaver.

Villa Esperanza Services began its mission of love, care and hope for children with developmental disabilities over 45 years ago. Founded in 1961 by a group of mothers who believed their developmentally disabled children deserved quality care and education. Today, Villa serves over 1050 individuals with disabilities and their families in Los Angeles and Ventura County. This year, Villa opened two new classes for high school age students and launched the Career Exploration Pilot Program. Programs for both our children and adults continue to grow and help meet the ever changing needs of the community.

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