

Two Million Dollar Gift From Ron and Mary Alice Brady Helps Grossmont Hospital Foundation Reach \$10 Million Milestone

Capital will go toward state-of-the-art technologies for Sharp Grossmont Hospital's new Heart and Vascular Center

La Mesa, Calif., Nov. 16, 2015 – Thanks to a \$2 million pledge from East County philanthropists Ron and Mary Alice Brady, the Grossmont Hospital Foundation has met its \$10 million capital campaign goal. The announcement was made at the Foundation's 30th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. The fundraising event, dubbed "Western Swing With a Lot of Bling," also netted over \$300,000 toward the capital campaign goal.

"We are at a time in our lives where we have our health, we have accumulated some wealth, and we want to give back and leave a legacy in our community," said Ron Brady during the gala. "Our family has used the hospital for generations. Our company has helped construct buildings on the campus. We believe in the work done at the hospital and we want to make it as good as it can be for everyone in East County. I can't think of a better philanthropic investment than Sharp Grossmont Hospital."

The \$10 million will go toward the hospital's new 74,000-square-foot Heart and Vascular Center which is slated to open in 2017. The money will be used to equip the center with the most advanced cardiovascular technology on the market.

"The community has once again responded very generously in support of our hospital," said Beth Morgante, Grossmont Hospital Foundation executive director. "I think they understand how their philanthropic investment can make the difference between a good medical facility and an exceptional one."

In addition to those from the community, Sharp Grossmont "insiders" have come forward with support as well. Nearly \$1 million has been donated by Sharp Grossmont Hospital employees. The Grossmont Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary recently increased their pledge to \$1 million and was recognized alongside Ed and Sandy Burr, Bill Verbeck and Dave Salo as the newest member of the "Million Dollar Roundup" at the gala.

"We are grateful to the Grossmont Hospital Foundation and the generosity of donors to help Sharp Grossmont Hospital build an innovative cardiovascular center for the community," said Joyce McGinty, Heart and Vascular Services director for Sharp Grossmont Hospital. "The center will greatly enhance the hospital's ability to treat acutely ill patients and help decrease cardiovascular disease mortality in East San Diego County."

The new Heart and Vascular Center will encompass all aspects of cardiovascular care. It will bring together cardiologists, cardiac and vascular surgeons, interventional radiologists and other specialists to provide the most advanced and effective treatments within the complete spectrum of integrated cardiovascular services. Some of the features

of the new center are four hybrid operating rooms, four cardiac catheterization labs, a multi-purpose image-guided operating/procedural room, pharmacy and clinical laboratory.

About Sharp Grossmont Hospital:

Sharp Grossmont Hospital has been serving the East County community for 60 years. It is the largest not-for-profit, full-service, acute-care hospital in San Diego's East County and is part of Sharp HealthCare. The hospital is known for its clinical excellence in emergency and critical care, cardiac and cancer care, surgery, stroke care, orthopedics, rehabilitation, behavioral health, women's and children's health and hospice care. The hospital offers extensive outpatient services and prevention programs such as home infusion, sleep disorder care, wound care and hyperbaric medicine to support Sharp HealthCare's emphasis on community health and wellness. Sharp Grossmont is a Magnet-designated hospital and committed to providing the highest quality care. To learn more about Sharp Grossmont Hospital, visit www.sharp.com/grossmont or call 1-800-82-SHARP (1-800-827-4277)