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**RANCHO MISSION VIEJO RODEO “CORRALS”**

**\$100,000 IN DONATIONS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES**

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA (September 21, 2009) – A total of \$100,000 in proceeds from this year’s annual Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo were recently presented to Camino Health Center in San Juan Capistrano and the J.F. Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding, also in San Juan Capistrano.

Now in its ninth-year, the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo is hosted by the Rancho Mission Viejo family to help celebrate the great traditions of the American West and the family’s enduring ranching heritage. Since the first annual Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo conducted in 2001, Rancho Mission Viejo has contributed \$935,000 to local charities and organizations.

“We are pleased to continue our tradition of helping those in need,” said Rodeo President and Rancho Mission Viejo Executive Vice President – Ranch Operations,

Gilbert Aguirre. “On behalf of all the Rodeo sponsors, the fans and all the volunteers who make the Rodeo happen, we are proud to present proceeds from this year’s annual Rodeo to two exceptional organizations, Camino Health Center and the J.F. Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding.”

Mission Hospital-sponsored Camino Health Center is a fully-licensed, community clinic that provides a wide assortment of medical and dental services for thousands of South Orange County families in need. Rodeo donations made to Camino Health Center in years past have helped to fund the Center’s special programs such as a mobile medical unit and a diabetes van. Camino Health Center collectively serves over 100,000 patient visits each year. The health center focuses on general medical services, chronic disease management, immunizations, health screenings and urgent medical care for the community.

“Many families in our community have benefited from the generosity shown by the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo,” said Debra Drew, Executive Director, Camino Health Center. “We strive to make a difference in the lives of those who cannot afford access to essential medical services. This donation, combined with those we’ve received in years past, allows us to continue our important mission.”

The J.F. Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding, one of the largest therapeutic riding centers in the country, is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through its privately funded therapeutic horse-related programs. Rodeo donations from years past have helped underwrite rider scholarships, development of hippotherapy programs and operating expenses.

“We are so thankful to receive this generous donation from the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo,” said Dana Butler-Moburg, Executive Director of J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center. “For more than 31 years, The Shea Center has been committed to serving the community and individuals with disabilities by providing therapeutic equestrian programs and other invaluable services. This donation makes a tremendous impact on the lives of our clients by funding our programs that touch more than 525 riders and their families each year. We are grateful for the investment that the Rodeo makes in the lives of people with special needs through their support of The Shea Center.”

The O’Neill/Avery/Moiso family has managed Rancho Mission Viejo since 1882.

Today, Rancho Mission Viejo is the largest family-owned landholding and the oldest existing large-scale cattle ranch in Orange County. To learn more about Rancho Mission Viejo, visit [www.RanchoMissionViejo.com](http://www.RanchoMissionViejo.com). To learn more about the Camino Health Center, visit [www.mission4health.com](http://www.mission4health.com). To learn more about the J.F. Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding, visit [www.sheacenter.org](http://www.sheacenter.org).

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*Back row:* Rancho Mission Viejo: Director of Community Development, Eric Sellas; Executive Vice President – Ranch Operations Gilbert Aguirre; Vice President – Operations Lissa Freese *Middle row:* J.F. Shea Center Director of Development Cindy Bobruk and Executive Director Dana Butler-Moburg. *Front row:* Camino Health Center and Mission Medical Urgent Care physician Peter Czuleger, MD

