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Holiday Spirit Arrives Early at San Diego Hospice *Benefactor Conrad Prebys creates new fund with \$1.5 million donation*

(SAN DIEGO) – Philanthropist and businessman Conrad T. Prebys brought the holiday season alive early this year for San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine by creating a new fund with his \$1.5 million gift to the non-profit organization.

The Conrad T. Prebys Fund for Charitable Care will allow San Diego Hospice to provide care to the growing numbers of patients and their families whose financial situation means they could not otherwise afford hospice services.

Prebys cited a trio of reasons for his decision to give to San Diego Hospice and establish this fund.

“There are an incredible number of people in our community who have been personally touched by the services of this tremendous community asset, including one of my dearest friends,” said Prebys. “In addition, I have a deep appreciation for the philanthropic projects funded throughout our city by the late Joan Kroc.”

“Plus, I love Christmas,” Prebys added.

“The generosity of Mr. Prebys is a perfect expression of the spirit of the holidays,” said Kathleen Pacurar, San Diego Hospice Vice President of Development. “By helping those who are most vulnerable, his remarkable gift is an investment in compassion.”

Perhaps no human experience touches us all as deeply as end-of-life care; especially during the holiday season, the kindness of those who choose to help ease pain and suffering has special warmth.

Conrad Prebys will be on hand to formally dedicate his new fund at San Diego Hospice’s signature holiday event, *Light Up A Life*, scheduled on December 15. Prebys will have the honor of illuminating a towering Christmas tree honoring the memory of friends and loved ones, the highlight of the program. The community is invited to attend this free event. Visit sdhospice.org for more information or call (619) 278-6440.

About Conrad Prebys

One of San Diego's most generous philanthropists, Conrad Prebys is president of Progress Construction and Management Company, a real estate firm he founded in 1966. He develops, owns and manages apartments, condominiums and homes, as well as other facilities in San Diego County. A native of South Bend, Indiana, Prebys was raised in a neighborhood where

most of the residents worked in local factories. Encouraged by an inspirational teacher, he was the first of five brothers to graduate from Indiana University. Prebys operated a pizzeria near the University of Notre Dame for several years before moving to San Diego and beginning his career in real estate. He had less than \$500 and the clothes on his back when he moved here. Conrad Prebys has built a legacy of generosity throughout San Diego. The Prebys name is featured as part of the important work being done at the San Diego Zoo, Old Globe Theater, University of California - San Diego, Scripps Mercy Hospital, Boys and Girls Club of East County and now the Burnham Institute for Medical Research.

About San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine

San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine (www.sdhospice.org), the leader in the relief of suffering, is one of the 10 largest community-owned, not-for-profit hospices in the country. The organization brings compassionate, expert medical care to nearly 1,000 seriously ill adults and children each day throughout San Diego County. For more information, visit online at www.sdhospice.org

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