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Tri-City Medical Center Celebrates National Animal Therapy Day

Photo opportunity with some of the hospital's best loved therapists

- WHAT** Tri-City Hospital's Pet Therapy program will celebrate National Animal Therapy Day on Friday, April 29th in advance of the April 30th official date. Educational displays, a therapy dog photo booth and the dog therapists themselves will be onsite.
- WHO** Prince the poodle (a cancer survivor himself), his handler/owner Mary Gleisberg and several other pet & handler teams, as well as volunteer Susan Harris and pet therapy coordinator Paula Ballweber will be on hand.
- WHY** A vital part of the whole-health approach Tri-City Medical Center takes toward their patients' care, pet therapy is scheduled almost daily and available on an on-call basis. In addition to serving patients, the certified pets and their handlers interact with family members and staff who may need a pet therapy visit as much as a patient. At Tri-City, the pet therapy program touches the lives of approximately 500 people a week, is 100% volunteer run and is funded by events like the 3rd Annual Tails on the Trails charity walk, happening May 21. This event honors the hospital's animal partners in healing and helps raise awareness of how therapy animals help people in recovery.
- WHEN** Friday, April 29th between 10am and 2pm
Pack photo shoot with all the therapy dogs at 12 noon, front entrance lawn.
- WHERE** Tri-City Hospital lobby and cafeteria, 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside, CA 92056
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Tri-City Medical Center

Tri-City Medical Center has served its community for over 50 years and is a 397 bed full service, acute-care hospital in Oceanside, Calif. with a primary care clinic and

over 700 physicians practicing in 60 specialties. Its Gold Seal of Approval® from the Joint Commission recognizes its commitment to safe and effective patient care for the residents of the community it serves. It operates the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in North County as well as an Orthopedic & Spine Institute, a Cardiovascular Health Institute and a Neuroscience Institute along with the Tri-City Wellness Center in Carlsbad, Calif., recognized as one of the best wellness centers in San Diego County. It also specializes in women's health, robotic surgery, cancer and emergency care. Tri-City Medical Center has received its fifth consecutive "A" rating from the national hospital safety scoring organization, The Leapfrog Group.

For more information about Tri-City Medical Center and Tri-City Healthcare District, please visit www.tricitymed.org.

About Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary

In addition to raising funds for the hospital, the Auxiliary has nearly 500 volunteers who provide over 80,000 hours annually to deliver support services to Tri-City Medical Center.

About Tri-City Hospital Foundation

Tri-City Hospital Foundation is celebrating more than 50 years as a link between the community and the hospital. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$46 million in grants to Tri-City Medical Center. Many of the hospital's most mission-critical facilities have been supported in whole or part by Foundation initiatives and community donors. Recently, the Foundation helped fund a GE Revolution 512 CT Scanner making Tri-City Medical Center the first hospital in San Diego County and Southern California to have this state-of-the-art digital imaging system in use.

For more information and to learn how you can support Tri-City Medical Center, please visit www.tricityhospitalfoundation.org.

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