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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES DONATES \$30,000 FOR FIESTA DE LOS NINOS; 2003 HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER DETAILS ANNOUNCED

(Corpus Christi, TX) Driscoll Children's Hospital today announced a \$30,000 donation from Flint Hills Resources, LP to Fiesta de los Ninos, Driscoll's annual fundraiser. The 11th Annual Fiesta de los Ninos will be held on Friday, February 21, 2003 at the Bayfront Convention Center and feature legendary country singer, Jerry Jeff Walker.

Since the event's humble beginning ten years ago, Fiesta de los Ninos has become one of the most successful charity events in the state of Texas, raising more than \$1.6 million for various patient programs at Driscoll Children's Hospital. Flint Hills Resources, LP (formerly Koch Petroleum Group) was the event's first and strongest sponsor, devoting \$30,000 a year to help underwrite costs. Today, nearly \$330,000 later, approximately 10,000 people have taken part in the annual Fiesta celebrations with officials estimating that thousands of children have been helped.

"Fiesta De Los Ninos continues to be a major source of funding for our hospital," notes Rick Merrill, president and CEO of Driscoll Children's Hospital. "We once again look forward to another outstanding evening of entertainment and fun, helping us advance our mission to provide vital medical services to children throughout South Texas."

Money raised from this year's Fiesta de los Ninos will benefit Driscoll's cardiology program which offers a full range of pediatric cardiac services from outpatient evaluation to the very latest and most complex inpatient cardiac diagnostic and surgical services and procedures. The most state-of-the-art cardiology equipment available assists Driscoll's pediatric heart specialists in performing more than 4,000 diagnostic procedures and over 200 cardiac surgeries every year.

"Flint Hills Resources is pleased to sponsor the Fiesta de los Niños fundraiser," says Joe Coco, vice president of refining and manufacturing for the Corpus Christi complex. "This community event raises a significant amount of funds for the Driscoll Children's Hospital, which provides essential medical services such as the pediatric cardiology program, to the children of South Texas. Flint Hills Resources remains committed to this wonderful program for children."

Flint Hills Resources, LP, based in Wichita, Kansas, is a leading producer of fuels and other petrochemical products. The company operates refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas and Pine Bend, Minn., which process about 600,000 barrels of crude oil daily. More information is available at www.fhr.com.

About Driscoll Children's Hospital

*"Improve the health of adults and you give them back their health ...
Improve the health of children and you give them their life."*

As one of only 38 free standing children's hospitals in the United States, Driscoll Children's Hospital is a 200-bed pediatric tertiary care center with pediatric board-certified specialists representing 19 medical and nine surgical specialties. The hospital's referral area spans 31,000 square miles (larger than the state of South Carolina), and Driscoll offers care to children throughout all of South Texas, including the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley. Each year, more than 6,000 children are admitted for inpatient care, 5,000 for day surgery and 50,000 for outpatient primary and specialty care. The first South Texas hospital with emergency services exclusively for children, Driscoll provides emergency care to more than 40,000 children per year. Additionally, Driscoll maintains a state-of-the-art ground/air transport team, 20-bed pediatric intensive care unit and 40-bed neonatal intensive care unit, renowned pediatric intensive care program, specialized medical outreach to the children of South Texas.

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