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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES DONATES \$40,000 TO 2004 HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

(Corpus Christi, TX) Driscoll Children's Hospital today announced the 12th Annual Fiesta de los Ninos 2004 as Flint Hills Resources renewed its long-standing commitment to the event with a \$40,000 grant as Title Sponsor.

The 12th Annual Fiesta de los Ninos will be held Feb. 20 at the Bayfront Convention Center, and feature County Music Hall of Fame legend, Ray Price. The event also includes a barbecue dinner, and silent and live auctions.

"Through the years, Flint Hills Resources has been this fundraiser's strongest supporter, pledging more than \$380,000, creating an endowment valued at more than 1.2 million to aid area children who receive quality healthcare through the Driscoll system," says Ron Cheadle, COO of Driscoll Children's Hospital. "Many of the dollars received have provided services that otherwise may not have been possible."

Each year, Fiesta de los Nino raises thousands of dollars dedicated to one of the patient programs at Driscoll Children's Hospital. This year, the Nephrology department will benefit, thanks to the generosity of Flint Hills Resources.

"We are proud to continue our support of Fiesta de los Ninos and Driscoll Children's Hospital," says Dave Allen, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi Refining Complex. "We are committed to helping improve the quality of life in the community and know this event helps support medical services for young people throughout our area."

The Nephrology department offers consultation and treatment for all types of structural, functional and infectious disorders of the kidneys and urinary system. Funds raised from the 2004 event will expand the Nephrology services and help staff a full-service dialysis facility for patients with acute kidney disease, and eventually offer kidney transplant services.

Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of fuels, base oils for lubricants, and other petrochemical products, based in Wichita, Kan. The company employs more than 900 at the Corpus Christi complex, which has a 300,000 barrel-per-day processing capability. More information about the company 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.”*

Since opening its doors in 1953, Driscoll Children's Hospital has been offering hope and healing to the children of South Texas for half a century. The facility is a 200-bed pediatric tertiary care center with pediatric board-certified specialists representing 19 medical and nine surgical specialties. The facility's referral area spans 31,000 square miles, making it larger than the state of South Carolina, and offers care to children throughout 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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