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## **HealthBridge Children's Hospital Celebrates 12 Years of Caring for Children with "Music Under the Stars"**

**Orange, CA** — On July 30, 2010, HealthBridge Children's Hospital, 393 S. Tustin Street, Orange, California 92866, a part of Nexus Health Systems, celebrated its 10+2 anniversary. Linda Mortimore, Director of Admissions and Business Development explained, "This event, called 'Music Under the Stars,' was our way of saying 'thank you' to those who supported us throughout the years in the care of children who have suffered from catastrophic illnesses and injuries. We called it our 10+2 Anniversary because we have been at this location for ten years and two years at a previous facility."

During the event, President/CEO and Chief Medical Officer John W. Cassidy, M.D., of Nexus Health Systems, signed copies of his latest book, *MindStorms, The Complete Guide for Families Living with Traumatic Brain Injury*. "I appreciated having this opportunity to share my book with the community and families of those who have been affected by a brain injury. The book uncovers the myths of this life-altering injury and provides a better understanding of how it affects the person's body, mind, social interaction, and personality. Acute care, rehabilitation, and various therapies are explored as well as the steps necessary for the difficult journey back to the real world," said Dr. Cassidy.

While under the stars and trees lit with twinkling lights, a jazz ensemble entertained attendees comprised of current and former patients and their family, physicians, nurses, case managers, managed care providers, a representative from Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez's office, Regional Center staff, as well as members of the community and local organizations. Wine donated by Cline Cellars, champagne, and delicious food catered by Posh Productions were served throughout the evening.

Ronell Myburgh, CEO/Administrator said, "Current and past family members publicly shared their heart felt experience and memories of HealthBridge. We look forward to the future and remain committed on providing the best quality of life possible for those who have experienced life altering illnesses and injuries."

The anniversary celebration will continue with a picnic at Irvine Regional Park on Patriots' Day for staff as well as former and current family members and patients. Festivities will include soft drinks, a taco bar, "HealthBridge Has Talent" talent show, softball games, face painting, and a few surprises.

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### **About HealthBridge Children's Hospital**



HealthBridge specializes in providing pediatric medical care and rehabilitation for children ages birth to twenty-one who have suffered from a catastrophic

illness or injury. We are dedicated to assisting these children and their families through challenging times within a home-like, nurturing environment.

Our comprehensive program of services allows us to serve our patients throughout the continuum of care from coma stimulation and chronic illness care to ICU step-down, acute rehabilitation, and outpatient therapy. Our mission is to help each child reach his or her highest potential, while providing for the best quality of life possible.

HealthBridge uses a team approach for positive outcomes in an environment that promotes recovery. Individual care plans are developed to meet the medical, rehabilitative, social, and emotional needs of each child.

This interdisciplinary approach utilizes a variety of medical professionals and specialty consultants dedicated to helping the child achieve positive functional outcomes. Since families play a vital role in the recovery process and attainment of goals, we consider them important members of the healthcare team. Parents are afforded the opportunity to participate in their child's treatment planning and care.

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For additional information about Dr. Cassidy or *MindStorms*, please contact Vicki Mason, V.P., Corporate Marketing, at 713.355.6111, email [vmason@nhsLtd.com](mailto:vmason@nhsLtd.com), or visit [www.nhsLtd.com/newsroom.htm#Mindstorms](http://www.nhsLtd.com/newsroom.htm#Mindstorms).

Lee Woodruff, who experienced first-hand how a severe brain injury impacts the entire family when her husband, TV journalist Bob Woodruff, was gravely injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq, said this about *Mindstorms*: “One of the greatest gifts a loved one can be handed in the midst of a storm is a life raft. This book is that raft.”

Dr. Cassidy is a renowned neuropsychiatrist and former Harvard Medical School faculty member with more than 25 years of experience of helping patients with traumatic brain injuries regain the highest quality of life possible. Dr. Cassidy’s book can be purchased through online retailers such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble.