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Mercy Foundation North Receives \$50,000 Capital Campaign Gift from Redding Rancheria Tribal Council

Mercy Foundation North announced today that the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council has made a \$50,000 commitment to the Foundation's *Mother and Newborn Capital Campaign* to expand Mercy Medical Center Redding's Obstetric/Maternity unit.

"The strength of our tribal community lies in the honor of our elders, the health of our families and the self-reliance of our members. We admire Mercy Redding's on-going efforts to maintain the community's only birthing center, and we are pleased to support a project that will make a lasting impact on the health of the entire Redding community," said Tracy Edwards, Chief Executive Officer of the Redding Rancheria.

"We are very grateful for Redding Rancheria's generosity," said Larry Lees, Chair of the Mother and Newborn Capital Campaign and Mercy Foundation North Board Member. The expansion will: increase patient privacy; promote family-centered care, where fathers, siblings and other family members can interact with the new mother in a comfortable setting; modernize and make the areas more aesthetically pleasing; and enhance efficiency by allowing similar services to be physically located near one another such as delivery, postpartum recovery and newborn care. "We are excited to work with an organization that shares our belief in the importance of both spiritual and physical healing," added Lees.

Mercy Foundation North is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of Auburn and is dedicated to supporting their activities throughout Northern California. The foundation is guided by the sisters' mission to care for those in need of physical, spiritual, social, and emotional healing.

The Redding Rancheria is located in Northern California, just a few miles off of California Interstate 5 and directly off Highway 273. The Redding Rancheria is a federally recognized Tribe whose members are of Pit River, Wintu and Yana decent. The Redding Rancheria operates Tribal Government offices, Win-River Casino, Redding Rancheria Indian Health, Redding Rancheria Headstart, Win-River Mini-Mart, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Individuals, businesses or organizations interested in learning more or contributing to the *Mother and Newborn Capital Campaign* are encouraged to contact Mercy Foundation North by phone at 530-247-3424, by mail at 2400 Washington Avenue, Suite 410, Redding, CA 96001, or through the internet at <http://redding.mercy.org/foundation>.