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## **Margaret E. McCahill, M.D., to receive Physician Humanitarian Award**

***San Diego, Calif.*** – Margaret E. McCahill, M.D., will receive the 2008 Physician Humanitarian Award from the Medical Board of the State of California at **9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 at the Sheraton Suites, 701 A St.**

Medical director of the St. Vincent de Paul Village Family Health Center, Dr. McCahill is being honored for her “many years of outstanding service to indigent patients in San Diego County.”

Dr. McCahill is the first sole woman recipient of the Physician Humanitarian Award. The award – made by the Physician Recognition Committee of the Medical Board of California – recognizes the demonstration of excellence by individual physicians and/or groups of physicians who strive to improve access and to fill gaps in the health care delivery system for underserved populations in California, or who have advanced the health care status of the public through innovation and commitment to medical education, or who have otherwise shown an outstanding commitment to patients in need, wherever located.

In addition to being medical director of the Village Family Health Center, Dr. McCahill is founding director of the UCSD Combined Family Medicine-Psychiatry Residency Program, and she is a health sciences clinical professor of family medicine and psychiatry, UCSD School of Medicine. Dr. McCahill, who was also listed in *San Diego Magazine* as one of the county’s “Top Doctors,” is board certified in both family medicine and psychiatry, and she practices both specialties.

### **About the Village Family Health Center**

- The Village Family Health Center (VFHC) is located at St. Vincent de Paul Village, 1501 Imperial Ave., in East Village.
- In 2007, the VFHC had 40,000 total patient encounters.
- In 1992 there were 6,000 total patient encounters.
- There are 25,000 total prescriptions filled at the VFHC a year, or 100 each weekday.
- Local hospitals save millions of dollars each year because homeless go to the VFHC rather than emergency rooms.

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Father Joe's Villages® is a San Diego-based nonprofit that helps homeless neighbors in need regain their lives through a unique life-changing program that is nationally recognized and modeled for its effectiveness. Our groundbreaking approach to rehabilitation, known as the “University of the Human Spirit,” addresses the underlying causes of homelessness to break the cycle and help thousands of people become responsible, self-sufficient, productive citizens and pass their newfound independence and life skills on to their children and families. When we help one person, we help generations of families and communities.