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Wyly Family Honors Dr. Nagle with Major Gift for Doctors Day

The Aspen Valley Medical Foundation announced today that Cheryl and Sam Wyly, residents of Dallas and Aspen, have made the significant contribution of \$600,000 in honor of local physician, Dr. Mindy Nagle. The Wyly's asked Dr. Nagle to suggest the area of greatest need so their contribution will be directed to Aspen Valley Hospital for the establishment of a new electronic medical records system for the hospital and its affiliated physicians.

Electronic medical records were mandated by former President George W. Bush several years ago but no funding has yet become available from the federal government to meet that goal. The national mandate is due to be operational in 2010.

"Philanthropists like Mr. and Mrs. Wyly are leading the way to the implementation of this major national initiative," stated Kris Marsh, President and CEO of the Aspen Valley Medical Foundation. "Honoring Dr. Nagle and making our local electronic medical records a reality are exceptional statements of support and generosity!"

A \$250,000 donation was given by Jim McManus in honor of Dr. David Borchers several years ago and Dr. Borchers also asked that the gift be directed to electric medical records. Clearly, Aspen physicians see the need and are encouraging support among their patients.

Electronic medical records enable emergency rooms, primary care physicians and other healthcare providers to communicate quickly about the medical history of patients so that seamless healthcare can be administered to patients leading to more accurate, effective diagnosis and treatment. The system will be up and running in a number of months thanks to the generosity of major donors to the Aspen Valley Medical Foundation. A formal announcement with details will be made by Aspen Valley Hospital in the future.

Community members are encouraged to participate in Doctors Day this year by making a tax deductible contribution **of any size** in honor of their physician by March 30. Physicians will receive special recognition and thanks for the difference they have made in their patients' lives.

For further information, contact the Foundation at 544-7371 or visit the website at www.avmfaspn.org to make a secured donation on line.