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**Vons Foundation Presents a \$10,000 Check to CHOC's Breathmobile**

(ORANGE, Calif., Nov., 2005) – The Vons Foundation, a division of Safeway, presented a \$10,000 check today at their Tustin Ave. location to Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) and the CHOC Breathmobile program, a mobile asthma clinic serving inner-city school children of Orange County. The Breathmobile van and staff were on hand to give tours of the vehicle, which is the only one of its kind in Orange County.

“This gift of \$10,000 will help CHOC continue to reach out to Orange County's children by providing important asthma education and treatment to approximately 20 school sites on a monthly basis,” explains Kathy Kolodge, executive director of primary care services at CHOC.

This is the second \$10,000 grant to CHOC from the Vons Foundation, but the first to support the care of childhood asthma. Vons Foundation Board Member, Wendy Lycett, suffers from asthma and was an advocate in directing the funds to CHOC's Breathmobile program. In 2004, a \$10,000 grant went to support one of CHOC's Healthy Tomorrows vans, a fully equipped medical van that provides medical care and other services to sites within the community on a rotating basis.

Vons has a “Good Neighbor Policy” to support their communities at a local and personal level. Annually, the company and its employees raise millions of dollars for various charities. Through the Vons Foundation, employees are allowed to earmark funds for specific charities.

**About CHOC:**

*Making a mark in pediatric healthcare for more than 40 years and named by Child Magazine as one of the Top 25 children's hospitals in the country, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) is exclusively committed to the health and well being of children through clinical expertise, advocacy and outreach. CHOC is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest freestanding children's hospital in the nation. CHOC's growing healthcare network includes two state-of-the-art hospitals in Orange and Mission Viejo, several community clinics, a residency program that train's tomorrow's pediatricians, three centers of excellence - Heart, Cancer and Neuroscience, and a Research Institute that brings advanced treatment to our patients. For more information, visit [www.choc.org](http://www.choc.org) or call 714-997-3000.*

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