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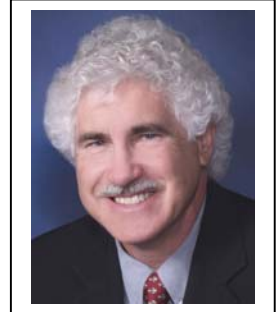
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**LOCAL ORTHOPEDIST NAMED “CHAMPION OF HEALTH”  
Carl R. Weinert, M.D.**

**February 26, 2005** - The HealthCare Foundation for Orange County, a local health philanthropy, has named Dr. Carl R. Weinert as the 2004 “Champion of Health” for his efforts to provide quality orthopedic services for children from low-income families in Orange County. In his work with the medical group that provides care in the Children’s Hospital of Orange County’s Orthopedic Clinic, Dr. Weinert facilitates a triage system to ensure appropriate care for children. Through his leadership and support, he has increased Clinic hours and fostered a collaborative venture with Orange County Health Care Agency/California Children’s Services, offering care to children in the Medical Therapy Program.

The award provides an original work of art by a local artist and a \$5,000 grant in Dr. Weinert’s honor to a local healthcare charity of his choice. He has selected Children’s Hospital of Orange County to receive this gift.

Dr. Weinert was recognized before his peers at the Western Orthopaedic Association – Orange County Chapter quarterly meeting. Dr. Weinert’s work in improving orthopedic care for children in low-income families as well as his mentorship and active participation in the training of orthopedic residents, were among the reasons for his selection as this year’s recipient of this honor.

Dr. Greg Carlson, President of the Orthopaedic Association commended Dr. Weinert and thanked the Foundation for recognition of his work. Several of the medical residents Dr. Weinert has trained were in attendance.

The HealthCare Foundation for Orange County is funded by gifts and bequests from individuals and by the net proceeds of the sale of United Western Medical Centers. Its mission is to promote health and support healthcare for the benefit of the Orange County community. The Foundation’s hope in sponsoring this award is to express appreciation for the dedication of the honored orthopedist and encourage others to take on the challenges of charity care in today’s challenging financial environment.

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