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Over 800 NICU Families Return to San Antonio Regional Hospital for "Land of Oz" Reunion

UPLAND, CA, November 6, 2025 – There was no place like San Antonio Regional Hospital on October 31, when more than 800 guests - former NICU patients and their families - returned for a heartwarming "Land of Oz" reunion and Halloween celebration.

The event brought together hospital staff and families from the past decade of NICU graduates, many dressed in creative costumes to match the whimsical theme. Guests followed the yellow brick road into Aita Auditorium, which had been completely transformed into the magical world of Oz. Fifteen hospital departments joined in the fun, decorating booths inspired by scenes from the classic movie—and they went all out!

Children and parents trick-or-treated their way through the colorful displays, posed for photos with Wizard of Oz characters (portrayed by the hospital's Executive Management Group), and reconnected with the caregivers who helped give their little ones such a strong start.

"The NICU experience can be one of the most challenging times for families," said John Chapman, President & CEO of San Antonio Regional Hospital (and "Oz" for the day). "This reunion celebrates the incredible progress of these children and the special bond shared between families and their care teams."

The community response was overwhelmingly positive, and San Antonio looks forward to hosting another reunion next year—continuing to celebrate the resilience, hope, and milestones of its smallest patients who remind us that there truly is *no place like home*.

NOTE TO EDITORS/MEDIA:

High-resolution photos and video from the event are available for download below. All images provided are for editorial use by media outlets. San Antonio Regional Hospital confirms that all individuals pictured have provided the necessary consent for their likenesses to be used for these purposes. Photos courtesy of San Antonio Regional Hospital.

Event photos: https://sarh.link/NICU-Reunion-Photos

Event video: https://sarh.link/NICU-Video

About San Antonio Regional Hospital

<u>San Antonio Regional Hospital</u> in Upland, California is a 363-bed, nonprofit, acute care hospital that combines excellent clinical care with exceptional compassion. The award-winning hospital offers a comprehensive range of general medical and surgical services, along with the latest technological advances in cardiac care, cancer care, orthopedics, neurosciences, women's health, maternity and neonatal care, and emergency services.

Founded in 1907, with only 18 beds and 5 physicians, San Antonio Regional Hospital is continually growing with its community and is now recognized as a premier regional medical facility with satellite locations across the rapidly expanding Inland Empire. Given its broad geographic reach and the depth and breadth of its services and programs, supported by the latest medical science and technology, San Antonio is a hospital of the future, offering state-of-the-art healthcare services in a healing environment focused on the patient and family.

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