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**REACH Air Medical Services "Drive for Kids" Golf Tournament Donates 25 Pediatric Immobilization Boards to Trinity County - November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Weaverville, CA**, November 5, 2009 – REACH Air Medical Services (REACH) will present Trinity County with 25 Pediatric Immobilization Boards from funds raised by their annual "Drive for Kids" Golf Tournament on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at Trinity Hospital, Weaverville, California at 10:00 am.

"REACH is excited to be able to participate in this wonderful event," said REACH's "Drive for Kids" Chairperson, Jennifer Hart. "Our goal has been to raise the funds required for the purchase of specialized medical equipment for pediatrics in the North State."

These boards will be used by local fire departments and ambulance services to enable safe transport of children who are critically ill or injured. Currently, few departments possess all the specialized equipment needed for pediatric patients. The boards are padded for comfort and will keep the child immobilized until a full workup can be performed at the hospital. "It is very important to keep an accident victim well restrained to prevent further injury," noted Gary Amundson, REACH Flight Nurse and member of the "Drive for Kids" committee. "It is also a challenge to immobilize a child using a board designed for an adult. These boards should really help."

The presentation to Trinity County fire departments and pre-hospital care providers will be held at Trinity Hospital. Nursing Director Diane Rieke said, "Trinity Hospital is proud to participate in this event that provides our county with much needed equipment. We are grateful to REACH and the 'Drive for Kids' Golf Committee for their generosity and support."

The "Drive for Kids" Golf Tournament is a non-profit organization which has raised money to support pediatric healthcare needs in the North State for eleven years. During that time, many children have benefitted from the donation of medical, adaptive and mobility equipment from funds raised at this event.

***About REACH Air Medical Services***

*REACH Air Medical Services, headquartered in Santa Rosa, California, supports operations from 12 bases in California, Oregon and Texas. REACH provides air medical transport services utilizing rotor- (helicopter) and fixed-wing (airplane) aircraft regionally and nationally and has performed more than 50,000 air ambulance missions since its inception in 1987. REACH offers a membership program, REACH for Life; a primary benefit of membership being the guarantee of no out of pocket expenses when members are transported by REACH or a REACH service partner within the areas served. REACH has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services (CAMTS) since 1998. For more information, visit [www.REACHair.com](http://www.REACHair.com)*