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**GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SEEKS OUTSTANDING
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO HONOR IN ITS SATURDAY PARADE**

GARDEN GROVE, CA (March 6, 2009) – The theme of the 51st annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is “HONORING OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES.” As part of the four-day Memorial Day weekend event – to be held May 22-25, 2009 -- the festival’s board of directors is looking for outstanding doctors, nurses or other healthcare professionals to honor in the Saturday, May 23rd parade.

Those who have acted with bravery, gone above and beyond the call of duty, demonstrated outstanding skill or provided exceptional care to patients will be selected to ride in the parade, along with representatives from healthcare charities.

Residents or those employed in Garden Grove and the surrounding communities of Santa Ana, Westminster, Buena Park, Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Orange, Stanton and Cypress all qualify. According to Garden Grove Strawberry Festival board president Bill Catlin, over 800 postcards soliciting nominees have been mailed to healthcare offices. “We would like to celebrate the achievements of those who deserve to be recognized for providing excellent service,” says Catlin.

The public may submit nominees before May 1, 2009 on the festival website at www.strawberryfestival.org. Click on “HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL.” Those chosen will be contacted before May 15th by the board.

For more information, visit www.strawberryfestival.org or email info@strawberryfestival.org.