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**OPERATION SMILE TO HONOR CINDY MCCAIN,
JOHN SALLEY, RET. MAJOR GENERAL AND MRS. WILLIAM LYON
AND DR. MOK THEAVY AT FOURTH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES GALA**

Senator John McCain to make special appearance

Los Angeles – Operation Smile, a leading humanitarian and medical relief organization dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children and young adults worldwide, will honor humanitarian and children's healthcare advocate Cindy McCain, TV sportscaster and former NBA star John Salley, retired general and Mrs. William Lyon and Operation Smile volunteer Dr. Mok Theavy at the Fourth Annual Operation Smile Gala, October 1, 2005, at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. "Access Hollywood" host Billy Bush MCs with a special performance by The Laker Girls. Supermodel Rachel Hunter will lead a live auction for a major piece of fine jewelry from her Demeter Collection of precious gems.

A long-time supporter of children's healthcare issues, Cindy McCain, wife of Arizona Senator John McCain, will be honored with the Wallis Annenberg Award. Mrs. McCain has been actively involved with Operation Smile since 2001, taking part in medical missions to Morocco, Vietnam and India. She earned a master's degree in Special Education from USC and currently serves on the boards or advisory councils of 26 philanthropic organizations. In 1988, she founded the American Voluntary Medical Team, which provided emergency medical and surgical care to impoverished children worldwide. During one of the 55 medical missions to third world and war-torn countries during AVMT's seven-year existence, Mrs. McCain brought two babies in need of medical attention back to the United States. Today, one of these babies is a happy, healthy, teenager named Bridget McCain.

John Salley, recipient of The Wilt Chamberlain Award presented by Barbara Lewis, sister of the late basketball great, played twelve seasons in the NBA and was a member of four championship-winning teams, including back-to-back titles with the Detroit Pistons, one with the Chicago Bulls and one with the Los Angeles Lakers. Off the court, Salley has appeared in a host of motion pictures and has made numerous television guest appearances. Most recently, he has added motion picture and television production to his lengthy resume. Currently, Salley can be seen as an analyst-commentator for NBC's "NBA Showtime" as well as host of Fox Family's "I Can't Believe You Said That." He is also a member of "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" team and can be heard as a DJ on Los Angeles KKBT-FM.

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Major General and Mrs. William Lyon will accept the Corporate Humanitarian Award from past Operation Smile honoree Roma Downey. Former Chief of the Air Force Reserve, William Lyon is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of William Lyon Homes, headquartered in Newport Beach, California. With his combined companies, he has produced more than 100,000 residential units in the past 50 years and stands out as one of the nation's premiere real estate developers. In tandem with his wife, Willa, Lyon is committed to a host of philanthropic causes. In addition to serving on the board of Operation Smile's Los Angeles Chapter, he has served as past Chairman of the Orange County Council of Boy Scouts of America and past Chairman and current board member of Orangewood Children's Foundation, among many others.

This year's Medical Visionary Award recipient, Dr. Mok Theavy has been instrumental in Operation Smile and many other organizations bringing help to people in Cambodia. With his tireless energy and gentle nature, Dr. Theavy is a role model to all who work alongside him. Dr. Theavy will be introduced by USC Dean and documentary filmmaker Elizabeth Daley whose film, "A Few Drops...in Cambodia," showcased Dr. Theavy's exceptional work for Operation Smile.

"I cannot imagine a more dedicated and truly deserving group of honorees," said Dr. William P. Magee, Co-founder with his wife Kathleen of Operation Smile. "Each exemplifies the very best in the human spirit; passionate about their concern for enriching the lives of all the world's children and committed to making a real difference!"

Founded in 1982 by Dr. William P. Magee, a plastic surgeon, and his wife, Kathleen, a nurse and clinical social worker, Operation Smile's volunteers have provided free reconstructive surgery to more than 90,000 children and young adults with cleft lips, cleft palates, tumors and other birth defects in 25 developing countries and the United States, bringing them new hope and new lives. In addition to contributing free medical treatments, Operation Smile provides medical training and continuing education to health care professionals and leaves behind necessary equipment to foster long-term self-sufficiency. For more information, please visit www.operationsmile.org.

Past honorees have included Goldie Hawn, Jessica Simpson, Nick Lachey and Roma Downey.

Individual tickets begin at \$500 and table packages begin at \$5,000. For ticket information, call Levy, Pazanti & Associates at (301) 201-5033.

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