

## **Shirley Jones to head entertainment at Jun. 5 Opening Night Gala marking completion of UCSD Medical Center's Thornton Hospital**

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### SHIRLEY JONES TO HEAD ENTERTAINMENT AT JUNE 5 OPENING NIGHT GALA MARKING COMPLETION OF UCSD MEDICAL CENTER'S THORNTON HOSPITAL

Shirley Jones, America's ultimate girl-next-door, has been selected to headline entertainment at a June 5 gala celebrating completion of the John M. and Sally B. Thornton Hospital and the Edith and William M. Perlman Ambulatory Care Center at the UCSD Medical Center-La Jolla.

Located on UCSD's La Jolla campus, the Thornton Hospital will begin accepting patients in July.

The UCSD Medical Center Auxiliary and UCSD Cancer Center Associates are co-sponsoring the "Opening Night" event, with proceeds to benefit both the Medical Center and Cancer Center.

The entertainer, known as "the first lady of American song," and her orchestra will perform classic American show tunes. And who knows them better than this original Laurie from "Oklahoma," Marion the Librarian from "The Music Man," or Maria from "Sound of Music?"

Although she has innumerable stage and movie starring roles to her credit, Jones may be best known for her portrayal as the matriarchal head of the madcap "Partridge Family," which was a five-year hit on television.

The black-tie dinner dance will be held in an elegant tented pavilion adjacent to the new Thornton Hospital, with red carpet entrance runners, gold lobby stars with donor names, klieg lights and similar decor furthering the opening night theme.

Starting at 6 p.m., the event will include cocktail, tours, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$150. Reservations may be made by calling 543-6499.

Co-chairs for the benefit are Pam Burke of Poway and Anne Coleman and Joanne Meredith of La Jolla, representing the two sponsoring organizations. Due to the joint effort on the June 5 function, the Medical Center Auxiliary has postponed its annual "Evening With..." fall event until 1994, and the Cancer Center Associates have postponed their annual spring Celebrity Cook-off until next year.

Thornton Hospital will contain 120 beds and be operated under the same license and corporate management as UCSD Medical Center's 450-bed hospital in Hillcrest. The Perlman Ambulatory Care Center, located adjacent to the hospital, will be home to more than 35 medical offices.

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