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HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY MOVING TO NEW LOCATION

Move enables agency to expand capacity and meet the community's growing need for end-of-life care services and programs

May 22, 2006 – San Jose CA – Hospice of the Valley (HOV), the oldest community-based public benefit hospice in Santa Clara County today announced plans to move its headquarters to a new location in San Jose to meet the community's growing need for end-of-life care programs and services. The move is in response to the increased demand for the organization's core programs: *Transitions*, hospice, education and bereavement. The new building, located on Union Avenue near Highway 85, is being renovated to fit the agency's needs toward increasing service to the community. The timely move is scheduled to be completed by late summer 2006.

The relocation is in response to growing trends and needs for end-of-life care. By 2010, it is estimated that there will be 43% increase over today's 65+ population in Santa Clara County. Coupled with a pending caregiver crisis and increased consumer awareness for end-of-life care services, our community is faced with the challenge of meeting a rapidly escalating need for end-of-life care.

“The new facility will enable us to expand our community grief support and education rooms, enhance our clinical team areas and streamline our operations through increased efficiency,” states Sally Adelus, Executive Director of Hospice of the Valley. “This ultimately translates into enhancing the care we provide directly at our patients' bedside. It further expands our ability to serve more individuals and families with our adult and children's programs, our grief support groups, and our community education outreach—all while providing high standards care, excellence and improving the quality of life for those we have the honor and privilege to serve,” added Adelus.

About Hospice of the Valley

Hospice of the Valley (HOV), the oldest community-based, public benefit hospice in Santa Clara County, has provided compassionate end-of-life care and bereavement support for over 23,000 people since 1979. Embracing comfort, dignity and quality of life, HOV provides the patient and family an interdisciplinary team approach to end-of-life care, which includes medical, social, psychological, spiritual, volunteer and bereavement support. HOV's Community Grief Center provides individual and group grief support and is available to anyone experiencing a loss. A Children's Grief Counseling program specializes in age-appropriate counseling for children and teenagers from ages 4 through 18. *Transitions*, a volunteer-based community service program, designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families facing life-limiting illness, provides clients with emotional support, education and practical assistance, is sponsored by Hospice of the Valley and funded by community grants and donations. HOV is a member of the California State Hospice and Palliative Care Association and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and is a United Way agency. Call Hospice of the Valley at (408) 947-1233 and for *Transitions*, call (408) 367-4200 or visit www.hospicevalley.org

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