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## **CALIFORNIA HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION ELECTS SALLY ADELUS TO SERVE AS BOARD PRESIDENT**

**March 12, 2008 - San Jose CA** – Earlier this year, the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA) Board of Directors elected Sally Adelus their board president. CHAPCA is a not-for-profit organization that represents hospice and palliative care providers in California and Nevada. CHAPCA advocates for those facing life-limiting illness by promoting availability and access to quality end-of-life care. As CHAPCA’s board president, Ms. Adelus also serves on the Council of States, a leadership forum of state hospice organizations that participates in the development of National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s strategic direction policies and activities.

In her role as CHAPCA board president, Ms. Adelus brings over twenty years of clinical and administrative expertise and advocacy in pain management, palliative, and hospice care. She has worked and collaborated with pain, palliative, and hospice care teams in the UK and USA. Ms. Adelus’ career has been highlighted with significant achievements in pain management and end-of-life care advocacy, education, research and healthcare management. Ms. Adelus’ efforts have influenced the legislature, regulatory environment and the community-at-large in improving access and inclusivity for patients and families facing life-limiting illness.

Additionally, Ms. Adelus serves as a Board Trustee for the California Hospice Foundation.

“Sally brings a wealth of experience to the board,” said Margaret Clausen, Executive Director of California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA) of Sacramento. Her strategic leadership and insight is pivotal as we navigate the state and the nation’s health care and economic crisis and its impact on end-of-life care issues.”

“We have over 300 CHAPCA members and 75% of those members represent hospice and palliative care providers in California and Nevada and the CHAPCA board is a very strong, diverse, committed and forward-thinking board,” stated Sally Adelus, CEO of Hospice of the Valley of San Jose. “I’m honored to serve as CHAPCA’s Board President and will endeavor to address the challenges that lie ahead, while advancing and shaping the future of end-of-life care for all.”

Currently, as chief executive officer for Hospice of the Valley, San Jose CA, Ms. Adelus oversees one of the state’s leading non-profit hospice and palliative care providers and grief support centers. During her short tenure since 2003, Hospice of the Valley has tripled the number of patients, families, and children served by organization’s hospice and grief care programs in Santa Clara County. She broadened advocacy and access to care for underserved and underrepresented populations in our communities and began an expansive professional and community education series; and created various collaborations with universities, institutions and local hospitals. In recognition for her seminal leadership in advancing and shaping the future of end-of-life care, in 2007, she was awarded the national *Heart of Hospice Award* by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in Washington, D.C.

**About CHAPCA**

California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA) is a not-for-profit organization that represents hospice and palliative care providers; Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly; and healthcare professionals in California and Nevada. CHAPCA advocates for those facing life-threatening illness by promoting availability and access to quality end-of-life care. For additional information, visit [www.calhospice.org](http://www.calhospice.org) or call 916.925-3770.

**About Hospice of the Valley**

Hospice of the Valley (HOV), the first community-based hospice in Santa Clara County, has provided compassionate end-of-life care and grief support to over 25,000 people since 1979. Affirming life and embracing comfort, dignity, and quality of life, HOV provides patients and families an interdisciplinary team approach to end-of-life care, which includes medical, social, psychological, spiritual, volunteer, and grief 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 sponsored by Hospice of the Valley and funded by community grants and donations, is designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families facing life-limiting illness through emotional support, education, and practical assistance. HOV is a member of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. For additional information, call Hospice of the Valley at 408.559.5600 and for *Transitions*, call 408.559.5610 or visit [www.hospicevalley.org](http://www.hospicevalley.org).

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