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**SALLY ADELUS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY, SAN JOSE CA
NAMED TO THE NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

San Jose CA – January 18, 2011 – Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider and educator in advancing palliative end-of-life and community grief-care in Santa Clara County, is pleased to announce that Sally Adelus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of the Valley, San Jose CA was named to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) Board of Directors. Adelus will represent the West Geographic Area which includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming and will serve a three-year term: January 2011-December 2013.

Adelus will serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors of the NHPCO and be responsible, as well as be responsive to the membership in her geographic area by steadfastly representing and informing them of hospice industry related issues and events that occur.

“Sally’s previous experience on NHPCO’s Governance Committee and her leadership as Past Chair of the California Hospice Foundation and the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association will serve her well,” said J. Donald Schumacher, PsyD, President and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. “Sally has a solid foundation and keen insight into the trends and changing dynamics facing our industry.”

“I am truly honored to serve on the NHPCO Board of Directors and represent our geographic area membership,” said Sally Adelus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of the Valley, San Jose CA. “I look forward to representing the voting members and bringing my expertise to the Board in support NHPCO’s altruistic mission. Ultimately, it’s all about patients and families and the preservation of quality palliative and hospice care,” affirmed Adelus.

“We’re very proud of Sally’s new board role as West Geographic Area Director,” stated Hospice of the Valley Board Chair Chris Worrall. “I echo Don’s sentiments as Sally does bring a wealth of leadership and experience to the table and I’m sure she’ll bring a fresh perspective and will make a positive contribution to the stewardship of NHPCO’s mission, values, and vision.”

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About NHPCO

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) is the oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization representing hospice and palliative care programs and professionals in the United States. With a membership of more than 48,000, NHPCO's mission is to lead and mobilize social change for improved care at the end of life. For more information, visit nhpco.org.

About Hospice of the Valley

Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider and educator in advancing palliative end-of-life and community grief-care, affirms dignity and hope for those facing serious illness. Hospice of the Valley's team, experts in palliative and hospice care, is comprised of physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, hospice aides, grief counselors, and volunteers who assist patients, their caregivers and families in their end-of-life care and goals. Founded in 1979, Hospice of the Valley is the first not-for-profit hospice and grief care organization to serve the community of Santa Clara County. Hospice of the Valley's Community Grief and Counseling Center provides individual and loss specific group grief care 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. The *Transitions Program*, a volunteer-based community service 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 advanced-illness through emotional support, education, and practical assistance. Additionally, Hospice of the Valley sponsors a community resource website—seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty—for caregivers and families who are caring for someone with serious illness. Hospice of the Valley, a member of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, is licensed by the State of California and is Medicare and Medi-Cal certified. Medicare, Medi-Cal and most private insurance plans cover services. Hospice of the Valley is committed to serving its diverse communities and honors all cultures, beliefs, values, and traditions, and provides equitable access to care for all patients and families—regardless of their financial ability. For information, call 408.559.5600 or visit hospicevalley.org.

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