



HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
THEODORE “TED” COHEN, MD RECEIVES PIERRE SALMON AWARD
In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of hospice and palliative medicine in California

SAN JOSE, Calif. – October 18, 2011 – Hospice of the Valley of Northern California is pleased to announce that Theodore “Ted” Cohen, MD, of Hospice of the Valley, San Jose, received the prestigious Pierre Salmon Award by the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the advancement of hospice and palliative medicine in California.

Dr. Cohen has provided compassionate medical services to thousands of residents of Santa Clara County, often during the most critical and challenging moments of their lives. Many thousands more have indirectly benefited from his countless hours of teaching to nursing and medical professionals on the science and art of end-of-life care. Through his advocacy of hospice, he has championed, on a system-wide basis, the cause of all who are or will be facing and navigating the journey of end-of-life.

“We’re pleased to name Theodore “Ted” Cohen, MD, as this year’s Pierre Salmon Award winner,” said Susan Negreen, president and chief executive officer of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association. “Dr. Cohen’s contributions to the advancement of hospice and palliative care are to be lauded and acknowledged.”

“Dr. Cohen has demonstrated and promoted hospice and palliative medicine throughout his career and embodies the core values of hospice,” said Sally Adelus, president and chief executive officer of Hospice of the Valley. “For the past forty years the generosity of Dr. Cohen’s professional and volunteer activities in palliative medicine and hospice has been a testament to his dedication to balancing cure and care.”

“I am truly honored to receive this award and consider myself fortunate indeed to be named along with the past recipients,” said Ted Cohen, MD, of Hospice of the Valley. “Dr. Salmon did so much to support the hospice movement and recognize the importance of team medical care. And he recognized the important role that nurses played in caring for those patients and families facing serious illness at home who cannot travel to a physician’s office.”

“Dr. Cohen continues his patient advocacy today with patients and their families facing advanced illness,” said Neal Slatkin, MD, DABPM, vice president of medical services/chief medical officer of Hospice of the Valley. “Without hesitation, he is willing to go the extra mile for his patients and families.”

In June 2011, Dr. Cohen was honored for his outstanding work as a Health Care Hero of Silicon Valley and was among 18 finalists that were recognized at Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal's inaugural Health Care Heroes awards ceremony.

About CHAPCA

California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA) is a not-for-profit organization that represents hospice and palliative care providers and members; 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 information, visit calhospice.org or call 916.925.3770.

About Hospice of the Valley

Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider and educator in advancing palliative and end-of-life care and community grief and loss counseling, affirms dignity and hope for those facing serious illness. The Community Grief and Counseling Center provides grief care for adults, teens and children and anyone experiencing a loss. The Transitions Program, provides families facing advanced-illness with emotional support, education, and practical assistance. Seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty is a community website resource for caregivers and families. A community nonprofit serving Santa Clara County since 1979, Hospice of the Valley honors all cultures, beliefs, values, and traditions, and is committed to serving its diverse communities, provides equitable access to care for all—regardless of their financial ability. For information, call 408.559.5600 or visit hospicevalley.org.

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Ted Cohen, MD of Hospice of the Valley, San Jose, was presented the Pierre Salmon Award for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of hospice and palliative medicine in California from the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA) during the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's (NHPCO) 12th Clinical Team Conference on October 5th in San Diego. Left to right: Victoria Wild, director of volunteer services and Sally Adelus, president and CEO, both of Hospice of the Valley, San Jose; Mary Taverna, NHPCO Campaign co-chair for the National Center for Care at the End of Life; Susan Negreen, president/CEO, CHAPCA; Suzi Johnson, president of the board of directors, CHAPCA; and Susan Plummer, chairman of the board of trustees, California Hospice Foundation.