



AMARI ROMERO-THOMAS JOINS HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN JOSE, Calif. – November 14, 2011 – Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider in advancing palliative and end-of-life care, community grief and loss counseling and education in Northern California, is pleased to announce that Amari Romero-Thomas of La Piana Consulting has joined their board of directors.

Amari Romero-Thomas, a multifaceted executive and consultant, has over 20 years of executive leadership, organizational development, strategy formation, collaborative partnerships and startup experience in creating exceptional results in the nonprofit and corporate sector. As a big picture strategist, she has outstanding organizational management and consensus-building skills to help drive successful outcomes. Romero-Thomas' extensive experience and work with diverse cultures provides additional insight into serving a range of organizations as well.

Romero-Thomas is a senior associate at La Piana Consulting. Prior to that, she was the senior vice president in charge of community engagement and initiatives at United Way Silicon Valley where she led efforts to transform the agency from a fundraising organization into a community-focused catalyst for change. Previous to that, Romero-Thomas led organizational transformation and sustainability efforts, as the executive director, at Sacred Heart Community Service in San Jose.

"Amari brings a wealth of executive leadership, organizational management and nonprofit experience that complements our exceptional board," says Sally Adelus, president and chief executive officer of Hospice of the Valley.

"Amari's cultural diversity experience and commitment to our mission is also an asset and will serve the organization well," adds Héctor Sánchez-Flores, chairman of the board of directors of Hospice of the Valley.

Romero-Thomas is a Senior Fellow at the American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley and a past recipient of The Women in Industry (TWIN) Award from YWCA of Silicon Valley and Portraits of Success Award from Hispanic Development Corporation.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Arizona State University and is a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose, American Leadership Forum, and Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley.

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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