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**Hospice of the Valley's Western Gala raises over \$212,000**

*Proceeds benefit the organization's core programs and community services*

**San Jose CA – July 17, 2011** – Nearly 300 new and longtime gala guests, sponsors and donors raised over \$212,000 during Hospice of the Valley's "Silver & Spurs" Western Gala held May 4 at the Fairmont Hotel San Jose. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of the Valley's core programs and community services in Santa Clara County. Hospice of the Valley is a longstanding leader in advancing palliative, hospice, and grief care and community education in California and nationally.

This year's honorary chairs were longtime Hospice of the Valley supporters and current board member and past board chair, respectively, Sylvia and Jim Katzman of Saratoga. Ms. Jill Stein of San Jose served as the Western Gala event chair.

"We are grateful to all of our gala guests, sponsors and donors for their generosity and support of our mission," said Sally Adelus, president and chief executive officer of Hospice of the Valley. "Their significant support will help provide equitable access to the growing need for our compassionate services and programs in our community."

Western Gala guests enjoyed an array of evening activities from playing games of chance at the Silver & Spurs Casino, being mesmerized by the slight of hand of Mr. Miraculous the Magician, to posing for keepsake photos in an old-fashioned photo booth while sipping on cocktails and dining on culinary delights, tasty desserts, bidding on silent and live auction items, dancing and raising monies for Hospice of the Valley.

## About Hospice of the Valley

Based in the heart of California's Silicon Valley, Hospice of the Valley provides end-of-life care and services, including hospice, palliative care and counseling for adults and children. The *Transitions Program* offers emotional support, education, and practical assistance for families living with serious illness. Hospice of the Valley publishes a community web site for caregivers and families at [seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty](http://seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty). A nonprofit organization serving Santa Clara County since 1979, Hospice of the Valley honors all cultures, beliefs, values, and traditions, and is committed to serving its diverse community and providing equitable access to care for all regardless of their financial ability. For information, call 408.559.5600 or visit [hospicevalley.org](http://hospicevalley.org).

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Carla Bohnett

Hospice of the Valley CEO Sally Adelus raises her wine glass to honorary chairs Jim and Sylvia Katzman and Hospice of the Valley co-founder Gay Crawford and her husband Roy Crawford



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Past chairman of Hospice of the Valley board of directors Randy Willoughby with Allison Jones Thomson and Hospice of the Valley board member Euan Thomson, PhD, CEO of Accuray