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Hospice of the Valley of Northern California Names George Labban, MD and Caravita Sansonia, JD to its Professional Advisory Board

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San Jose CA – July 25, 2012 – Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider in advancing palliative, hospice care, community grief support and education, has named George Labban, MD, hematology/oncology physician and Caravita Sansonia, JD, health care law attorney to its Professional Advisory Board. Both bring a wealth of experience to an already diverse and dynamic advisory board.



George Labban, MD



Caravita Sansonia, JD

Prior to relocating to Silicon Valley in 2011, Dr. Labban was a hematology/oncology staff physician at Memorial Cancer Institute in Hollywood FL. Dr. Labban received his medical degree from the University of Damascus Faculty of Human Medicine, Damascus, Syria and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Damascus. Dr. Labban completed his internal medicine residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland OH., and his hematology and medical oncology fellowship at Allegheny General Hospital/The Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh PA. Dr. Labban has been a member of the American Society of Hematology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology since 2006.

Caravita Sansonia, JD, recently relocated to Silicon Valley from Boca Raton FL where she was employed by a large Florida law firm for a number of years, prior to establishing her own firm. Previous to that, Ms. Sansonia served as a deputy counsel in the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene. Her areas of expertise include health law, regulatory compliance, government relations, tax-exempt organization laws, facilities finance and development, business transactions, and contracting.

Ms. Sansonia was recently appointed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to the County's Senior Care Commission, continuing her tradition of volunteerism and community leadership. She is proficient in Italian, Spanish and French.

Ms. Sansonia has represented health care providers such as hospices, hospitals, physician practices, home health agencies, senior care providers, and behavioral health companies, including large and small businesses and non-profit corporations.

As integral members of the Professional Advisory Board, Dr. Labban and Ms. Sansonia will provide professional expertise, advice, and support to Hospice of the Valley and its programs in the community, as well as assist in the development of beneficial relationships between Hospice of the Valley and social services and health organizations in the greater community.

"We're extremely pleased to have Dr. Labban and Ms. Sansonia join our Professional Advisory Board," stated Sally Adelus, president and chief executive officer of Hospice of the Valley. "They both bring a wealth of experience, diversity and complement our dynamic advisory board."

"We look forward to their leadership and contributions to our community," added Héctor Sánchez-Flores, chairman of Hospice of the Valley's board of directors.

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 grief counseling for adults and children. The Transitions Program offers emotional support, education, and practical assistance for families facing serious illness. Hospice of the Valley publishes a community website for caregivers and families at 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.

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