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Hospice of the Valley receives \$3,000 IBM Community Grant for its renowned hospice program

Grant will provide for specialized comfort mattresses for hospice patients

San Jose, Calif., –January 28, 2013 – Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider in advancing palliative, hospice care, community grief support and education in Northern California, receives a \$3,000 community grant from IBM Corporation in support of the organization’s renowned hospice program which enhances the quality of life for adults, children and their families. The grant will provide for specialized comfort mattresses for patients to provide therapeutic comfort and maximum pressure reducing support at the end of life.

“IBM Corporation is proud to support Hospice of the Valley’s hospice program and support our employee’s commitment to volunteerism in the community,” said Jo Thomas with IBM Corporation’s Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs.

“It was an honor to sponsor Hospice of the Valley for the IBM Community Grant,” said Ann Begun, an IBM employee and longtime Hospice of the Valley volunteer. “IBM’s support of my work as a hospice volunteer is gratifying.”

"We value and appreciate Ann Begun's dedication as a longtime hospice volunteer and for championing Hospice of the Valley and IBM Corporation for their support with this generous community grant," said Sally Adelus, president and chief executive officer of Hospice of the Valley. "The grant will provide for low-air loss flotation mattresses which will enhance the comfort and quality of life of our hospice patients."

IBM Community Grants support employees and retirees who volunteer regularly with not-for-profit organizations. For more information about IBM Corporation's initiatives and grants, visit <http://www.ibm.com/ibm/responsibility/initiatives/>.

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 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 financial ability. For information, call 1.408.559.5600 or visit hospicevalley.org.

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