



**Hospice of the Valley, San Jose and Santa Clara University Department of Counseling Psychology present "*Compassion in Action: Opening Minds, Inspiring Hearts*" conference – March 28**

**SAN JOSE, Calif. – March 22, 2013** – Leading national and international experts in the field of palliative and end-of-life care will come together on Thursday, March 28 at Santa Clara University to offer solutions and a vision for improving care both locally and nationally, to reinvigorate, refresh and inspire participants' connection and to validate why they do this mindful and meaningful work. This inspiring signature conference, now in its sixth year, will take place from 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. with a reception from 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. at the Center of Performing Arts, Recital Hall, at the prestigious Santa Clara University campus in Santa Clara. *Compassion in Action: Opening Minds, Inspiring Hearts* is presented by Hospice of the Valley, San Jose and the Santa Clara University Department of Counseling Psychology and endorsed by the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association.

"Compassion in Action brings together cutting-edge ideas in the care of patients and families facing serious illness. Pioneering leaders in the field will present on innovations across the continuum of care, from discoveries in integrative medicine that can profoundly improve care for people facing serious, advanced illness, to innovative programs for supporting family caregivers and delivering palliative care to ever-widening populations, both here and in the larger world community," added Dale Larson, PhD, a national leader in end-of-life care and professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology at Santa Clara University. "This will be a memorable day," continued Dr. Larson, "and our historic and scenic campus is an ideal setting for such a meeting of mind and spirit."

The keynote speaker is David Spiegel, MD, an internationally known authority on cancer survivorship and member of the Institute of Medicine. He is Willson Professor and associate chair of psychiatry & behavioral sciences, and director of the Stanford Center for Integrative Medicine at Stanford.

Bringing an international perspective on the changing face of hospice is David Prail, chief executive officer of Help the Hospices, UK and co-chair of the World Palliative Care Alliance. Prail serves on the advisory panel of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of South

Africa, an international advisor on the board of the Indian Association of Palliative Care and a member of the Editorial Board of the Indian Journal of Palliative Care. He is also a board member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, an expert collaborator to the All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care and the founder and chairman of ehospice.

Annually recognized by Castle-Connolly as one of America's Top Doctors in Cancer since 2007 for his work in cancer-related pain management and palliative medicine and distinguished as a nationally and internationally palliative care thought-leader, Neal E. Slatkin, MD, DABPM, vice president medical services/chief medical officer with Hospice of the Valley, will join the conference faculty for a special panel discussion on *Palliative Care Today: Solutions for a World in Need*. The panel will discuss innovative concepts and programs in palliative care at the local and international level with a focus on issues of accessibility, integration, and misconceptions of palliative care.

"We are extremely pleased to convene a number of stellar national and international palliative and end-of-life care thought-leaders for this year's conference to not only open our minds and inspire our hearts, but to connect the mind, body and spirit," said Sally Adelus, president and chief executive officer of Hospice of the Valley. "We have an esteemed group of end-of-life care experts who will share their personal insights and offer solutions in the ever-changing landscape of palliative and end-of-life care."

This year's Compassion in Action faculty and panel include:

- Sally Adelus, President & CEO, Hospice of the Valley and Dale G. Larson, PhD, Professor of Counseling Psychology, Santa Clara University – Conference Chairperson
- David Spiegel, MD, Willson Professor and Associate Chair of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, and Director, Center on Stress and Health, Stanford University School of Medicine – Keynote Speaker
- Susan M. Bruno, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, Director of Business Development, Suncoast Hospice Institute
- Louis Gamino, PhD, ABPP, FT, Diplomate, Clinical Psychology, Scott & White Healthcare; Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine

- David Prail, BA, FRSM, FRSA, Chief Executive Officer, Help the Hospices, UK and Co-Chair, World Palliative Care Alliance
- Neal E. Slatkin, MD, DABPM, Vice President Medical Services/Chief Medical Officer, Hospice of the Valley
- Steve Lai, MD, Geriatrician and Palliative Medicine, Palo Alto Medical Foundation

**Who should attend:** Physicians, nurses, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and health care providers are encouraged to attend.

**To register** visit: [hospicevalley.org/professionalcia](http://hospicevalley.org/professionalcia). For more information, contact Chelsea Byom marketing & public relations manager at Hospice of the Valley at 1.408.559.5600 or email: [cbyom@hospicevalley.org](mailto:cbyom@hospicevalley.org).

**Cost:** \$125 includes all-day conference with special panel discussion, light breakfast, lunch and reception, and six (6) continuing education credits.

**Continuing Education:** Hospice of the Valley is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 04462 and the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, Provider Number 712 for 6 contact hours for nurses, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. Hospice of the Valley is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Hospice of the Valley maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

### **About Santa Clara University**

Santa Clara University Department of Counseling Psychology (CPSY), founded in 1964, has sought to balance theory and practice that forms and educates future clinicians and leaders. CPSY's curriculum is based on solid theoretical traditions balanced by cutting edge theory, research, and skills development. For information, visit [scu.edu/ecppm/counselingpsychology](http://scu.edu/ecppm/counselingpsychology)

### **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's Community Grief & Counseling Center

provides individual counseling and loss-specific support groups to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Hospice of the Valley publishes a community website 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 financial ability. For information, call 1.408.559.5600 or visit [hospicevalley.org](http://hospicevalley.org).

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