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## **‘Boots and Banjos’: Hospice of the Valley to host 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Western Gala June 1**

### *Fund-raiser to benefit nonprofit’s community services and programs*

**SAN JOSE, Calif., May 20, 2013** – Dust off your boots and don your cowboy hat to join Hospice of the Valley at its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual “Boots & Banjos” Western Gala on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Coyote Ranch in Morgan Hill.

The gala, from 5:30-11 p.m., is open to the public and will benefit nonprofit Hospice of the Valley, a leading provider in palliative and hospice care, grief counseling and education in Northern California. Julie Stevens and Gary Scott Thomas, stars of the “Gary and Julie in the Morning” show on 95.3 KRTY, Empire Broadcasting, will emcee the gala and auction. Jill Stein of San Jose is the Gala event chair.

“This year’s Western Gala promises to be our best ever,” said Sally Adelus, president and CEO of Hospice of the Valley. “We’re excited for the new outdoor evening format, and look forward to seeing longtime friends and meeting our new supporters.”

This year’s “Boots and Banjos” theme promises a unique, memorable outdoor-ranch experience for guests. The one-of-a-kind evening offers:

- A historic ranch and countryside setting at Coyote Ranch;
- A spectacular evening with a shooting gallery, old-fashioned photo booth, hay rides, music and more;
- A fabulous western dinner buffet;
- An inspiring presentation featuring a Hospice client family member and other guest speakers;
- Silent and live auctions.

Gala major sponsors include Hitachi Data Systems, Kirkorian Family Foundation, Berliner Cohen, Darling Fischer Family Mortuaries, Dignity Memorial, Leiter’s Pharmacy, KRTY/KLIV and Empire Broadcasting, and The Mercury News, Bay Area Newspaper Group.

“We are grateful to all of our sponsors and donors for their generous support and ongoing participation in advancing our mission,” said Héctor Sánchez-Flores, chairman of Hospice of the Valley board of directors. “Their support helps provide equitable access to our compassionate community services and programs for the families we have the privilege to serve.”

The Western Gala is open to the public. Tickets are \$200 each, or \$2,000 for a table of ten (10). Sponsorship and donation opportunities are available. For details, please email [gala@hospicevalley.org](mailto:gala@hospicevalley.org), or call 408.559.5600 or visit <http://hospicevalley.org/gala>.

### **About Hospice of the Valley**

Hospice of the Valley is a nonprofit organization in Silicon Valley that provides serious illness and end-of-life care programs and services, including palliative and hospice care, grief counseling for adults, children and families, and emotional support, education and practical assistance. The organization also provides individual counseling and loss-specific support groups to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. In mid-2013, Hospice of the Valley will open the Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley as the first independent, community-based, outpatient center of its kind in California for seriously ill patients and their families. Hospice of the Valley also provides a community resource website for caregivers and families at [seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty](http://seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty). 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 more information, call 408.559.5600 or visit [hospicevalley.org](http://hospicevalley.org).

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