



## **Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley is now open and accepting patients!**

*Center offers expert medical care and extra layer of support to patients and caregivers*

On Friday, Sept. 13, 2013 over 50 community leaders, funders, and supporters of Hospice of the Valley joined San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed for a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to mark the Palliative Care Center's opening.

A new medical facility in San Jose is now open and accepting patients to specifically focus on these often overlooked areas of medical care. The Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley™ is located at 455 O'Connor Drive, Suite 300, in San Jose – it is the first independent, community-based, licensed outpatient palliative care center of its kind in California. The center is a division of Hospice of the Valley, a leading non-profit provider of palliative and hospice care, community grief support and education.

If you or a loved one would like to learn more about the Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley, please call 408.277.7777, email [info@pccsv.org](mailto:info@pccsv.org) or visit [www.pccsv.org](http://www.pccsv.org).

### **About Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley**

The Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley™ (PCCSV) is an independent, community-based, licensed outpatient palliative care center based in San Jose, Calif. It offers expert medical care dedicated to relieving the pain and other symptoms that can accompany serious illness, including the side effects of medical treatment and encompasses the physical, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of coping with a serious illness. The PCCSV offers a community resource website for caregivers and families at [seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty](http://seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty). The PCCSV 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. PCCSV is a division of Hospice of the Valley, a non-profit organization 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. For more information about Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley or to learn how you can help as a donor or volunteer, call 408.277.7777 or visit [pccsv.org](http://pccsv.org).

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(L-R): Ribbon cutting ceremony with Sally Adelus, CEO of Hospice of the Valley and Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley; San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed; Hospice of the Valley board chairman Euan Thomson, PhD; and Neal Slatkin, MD, VP of medical services/chief medical officer



(L-R) Meet the Palliative Care Center staff Neal Slatkin, MD, VP of medical services/chief medical officer; Rakhi Yadav, MD, hospice and palliative care physician; nurse practitioner Meghan McKenna, NP; Christine Merriman, MSW, LCSW, Transitions Program coordinator/social services and counseling coordinator and George Sandoval, administrative office manager



(L-R) Neal Slatkin, MD, VP of medical services/chief medical officer; Hospice of the Valley board chairman Euan Thomson, PhD; San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed; District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis and Sally Adelus, CEO of Hospice of the Valley and Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley