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Eighth Annual Compassion in Action Conference March 27 to focus on the Human Side of Palliative and End-of-Life Care

Conference presented by Hospice of the Valley and Santa Clara University School of Education and Counseling Psychology

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 10, 2015 – Internationally known palliative, hospice and counseling experts will address the human side of palliative and end-of-life care at the eighth annual Compassion in Action Conference, “The Human Side of Care – Across the Continuum,” on Friday, March 27, 2015, presented by Hospice of the Valley and the Santa Clara University School of Education and Counseling Psychology.

The event, which is open to the public, will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 27 at the Center of Performing Arts at Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara.

Speakers and topics include:

- Sally Adelus, Hospice of the Valley President and CEO
- Dale Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling Psychology, Santa Clara University
- “Community-Based Palliative Care,” opportunities and challenges for the expansion of community-based palliative care with earlier intervention in the continuum of care for patients with chronic and advanced illnesses – Martha Twaddle, MD, FACP, FAAHPM, Senior Vice President, medical excellence and innovation, Associate Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University
- “Personal Growth in the Midst of Suffering,” remarkable ways psychological growth can often accompany the distress of grief and loss – David Feldman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology, Santa Clara University
- “The Healing Power of Humor,” the role of humor in healing and self-care – Allen Klein, MA, CSP

- “The Human Side of Healthcare: Medicine as Stories, Stories as Medicine,” stories that capture the experiences of patients, caregivers and health professionals – Louise Aronson, MD, MFA, Associate Professor, UCSF Division of Geriatrics

“Hospice of the Valley is very proud to present the most innovative ideas from the nation’s pre-eminent thought leaders in palliative and end-of-life care at our annual Compassion in Action Conference,” Adelus said. “The human side of end-of-life care is vital for all caregivers to understand, and this year’s conference promises to be our best yet, and inspiring for all who attend.”

“Conference attendees and participating organizations will be able to network and share innovative ideas and services already contributing to enhancing care at the end of life in the Bay Area and beyond,” Larson said. “This conference is for doctors, nurses, social workers, clergy, volunteers, grief counselors and all other professionals who care for patients and families facing advanced illness and loss of loved one.”

Registration

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and post-conference reception, along with six continuing education credits. The cost is \$125 per person, or a four-person group discount of \$562.50. To register, please visit www.hospicevalley.org/professionalcia. For more information, call Amy Ramsey, Hospice of the Valley Director of Development, at 1.408.559.5600 or email aramsey@hospicevalley.org.

Continuing Education Credits

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 six 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 Hospice of the Valley

Celebrating nearly 35 years of service to our community, Hospice of the Valley is a nonprofit organization that exists to support patients and their families during one of life’s most challenging – yet most meaningful times. Hospice of the Valley 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. Established in July 2013, the Palliative Care Center Silicon Valley, the first independent, community-based, licensed outpatient center of its kind in California for seriously ill patients and their families, is a division of Hospice of the Valley. Hospice of the Valley also provides a community resource website for patients and families at seriousillness.org/santaclaracounty. 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.

About Santa Clara University

The School of Education and Counseling Psychology has prepared teachers and instructional leaders to transform their classrooms, organizations, and communities for more than 100 years, and has prepared future counselors, therapists, and mental health professionals to transform lives, organizations, and communities for more than 50 years.