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NAPA VALLEY HOSPICE & ADULT DAY SERVICES RAISES \$550K AT THE 9TH ANNUAL GALA

NAPA, CA, September 16, 2015—On Friday, September 11, 2015 Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services (NVHADS) hosted its ninth annual gala, *Reflect & Rejoice*, at The Napa Valley Reserve in St. Helena. The spectacular event, which featured exceptional wines and the exquisite cuisine of Meadowood Estate Chef Alejandro Ayala, raised more than \$550,000 to support the many services offered by NVHADS throughout Napa County.

This year's honorary chairs, Elizabeth and Clarke Swanson, celebrated 36 years of exemplary compassionate care provided by the agency. "Angels in your midst' is the phrase that comes to mind when I think about those who work for NVHADS" said Mrs. Swanson." Clarke and I are honored to play a role in ensuring that the essential services offered by this wonderful organization are fully supported in our community."

"We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to Gala Co-Chairs Valerie Peebles and Elizabeth Van Dyk, our extraordinary organizing committee, volunteers, The Napa Valley Reserve, our generous sponsors and elegant attendees for making this event a resounding success," said Linda Gibson, President and CEO.

The highlight of the evening was a moving video presentation showcasing the agency's Alzheimer's-related services through the eyes of a married couple who are coping with the disease. The video was followed by "Fund a Need," a donation solicitation, which thanks to a matching donation from Napa Valley Auction, realized almost \$250,000. "We are fortunate to live in a generous and caring community," said Valerie Peebles, "NVHADS is a unique non-profit serving Napa County whose exceptional programs deserve our support."

"For the past 36 years we have been so fortunate to have NVHADS there for those with serious illnesses," said Elizabeth Van Dyk. "I'm thrilled that this year's gala was able to raise the funds needed for NVHADS to continue their mission and service to the entire Napa Valley."

Guests and supporters are encouraged to save the date for the 10th Annual Gala, to be held on September 9, 2016.

Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services (www.nvhads.org), a non-profit organization, provides life-affirming care with remarkable compassion during life's most challenging transitions. Celebrating our 36th year, our programs have served more than 10,000 families in the Napa Valley over the past decade alone, and provide an important support service within our community.

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