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NAPA VALLEY HOSPICE & ADULT DAY SERVICES ANNOUNCES THE 9TH ANNUAL GALA – “REFLECT & REJOICE”

NAPA, CA, August 22, 2014—Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services (NVHADS) presents its ninth annual gala Friday, September 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at The Napa Valley Reserve in St. Helena. *Reflect & Rejoice* will offer guests a spectacular evening of fine cuisine and exceptional wine in a most gracious and elegant setting. Attendees will feast on the exquisite cuisine of Meadowood Estate Chef Alejandro Ayala.

Reflect & Rejoice will honor the many philanthropic endeavors of Hospice supporters and this year’s honorary chairs, Elizabeth and Clarke Swanson, as well as celebrate 36 years of exemplary compassionate care provided by Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services (NVHADS).

“Angels in your midst’ is the phrase that comes to mind when I think about those who work for Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services,” 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.” They join an impressive list of former honorary chairs that includes Mary and Bill Agee, Jean-Charles Boisset, Thomas Keller, Margrit Mondavi, Beth Nickel, Koerner Rombauer, Dario Sattui, and Vera Trincherro Torres.

The highlight of the evening will be 19 live auction lots, including an exciting, five-day golfing expedition to Pinehurst, North Carolina; a Florida vacation with the Swansons, including adventures in Naples, Everglades Fishing Camp, and Key West; a spectacular weekend at Meadowood Resort including Croquet instruction and tickets for the exclusive *Flowering of the Vines* gala; an Audi Autocross Challenge for six at Sonoma Raceway; a men's only afternoon of guns and cigars at the Wing & Barrel Ranch (firearms courtesy of Beretta); a New Orleans-style dinner hosted by the Swansons at their home; and many more excellent lots. Proxy bids are available for those who wish to participate, but are unable to attend the auction.

Gala Co-Chairs Valerie Peebles and Elizabeth Van Dyk and their volunteer committee are overseeing every detail of the agency's most important fundraising event of the year. "We are delighted to host the Gala at such an incredible venue," said Valerie, "and with an exceptional list of auction lots, we hope to break all previous records to support NVHADS and their stellar programs."

"The funds raised from the *Reflect & Rejoice* gala are vital in ensuring our ongoing incomparable, compassionate care to patients and their loved ones experiencing chronic or life-limiting illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease," said Linda Gibson, NVHADS President and CEO. "It will be an unforgettable autumn evening and we encourage the community to attend."

Proceeds from *Reflect & Rejoice* will support NVHADS's ongoing nonprofit mission to provide comfort and care to all those in need of its services, regardless of diagnosis or ability to pay.

Tickets, available at \$375 per person, can be purchased online at gala.nvhads.org or by calling 707-258-9080.

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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