

Napa Valley Hospice plans annual gala

Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services (NVHADS) will hold its eighth annual gala Friday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Calistoga's Castello di Amorosa.

Luna de Sevilla will offer guests a spectacular evening of fine food, outstanding wine and camaraderie with a Spanish flair. Entertainment will be provided by flamenco artists dancing to the music of Tommy Hill and the Rumba Tribe, and the event includes both live and silent auctions and raises funds to support the many programs offered by NVHADS throughout Napa County.

Luna de Sevilla will honor the many philanthropic endeavors of hospice supporters and this year's honorary chairs, Mary and Bill Agee, as well as celebrate 35 years of compassionate care provided by NVHADS.

"Hospice speaks a universal language of love and caring that is heard and understood by every family in this community. Hospice staff and volunteers offer essential services that turn fear and helplessness into hope and healing at the most vulnerable time in a person's life. It has been deeply moving to personally witness these unsung heroes place their values into meaningful action. Bill and I are honored to serve as honorary chairs for this year's gala, and look forward to continuing our support for all the vital programs offered by Napa Valley Hospice and Adult Day Services," said Mary Agee.

They join a list of former honorary chairs that includes Jean-Charles Boisset, Dario Sattui, Thomas Keller, Koerner Rombauer, Margrit Mondavi, Vera Trinchero Torres and Beth Nickel.

The highlight of the evening will be 17 live auction lots, among which are a trip to Esperanza, an exclusive Auberge du Soleil property in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; a private dinner with legendary winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown at the newly restored Ackerman House, in historic Napa; a fly-fishing trip on Oregon's famed McKenzie River; a spectacular weekend at Meadowood Resort including a Chef's Menu tasting at the Restaurant at Meadowood and tickets for the exclusive Flowering of the Vines gala hosted at the Napa Valley Reserve; Dancer in Red, framed gicleé by world-famous artist Fabian Perez; and many more stellar lots.

"The funds raised from the Luna de Sevilla gala are vital in ensuring our ongoing incomparable, compassionate care to patients and their loved ones experiencing chronic or life-limiting illnesses," said Linda Gibson, NVHADS president and CEO. "It will be an unforgettable autumn evening and we encourage the community to attend."

Proceeds from Luna de Sevilla will support NVHADS' 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 at Gala.NVHADS.org or by calling 258-9080.

