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Local Leaders Installed as Officers on Hope Hospice Board of Directors

DUBLIN, CA – (January 3, 2008) Hope Hospice is pleased to announce the installation of its new officers effective January, 2008. Retired Pleasanton Police Chief, Tim Neal, has been elected President of the Board of Directors. Neal, who joined the board in 2003, witnessed the benefits of hospice when he lost both of his parents a year apart to terminal illness. “That experience is certainly what brought me to volunteer for Hope Hospice,” Neal states. He goes on to say, “I have never been affiliated with a more professional and caring group of people (than Hope Hospice). It’s an absolute honor to be a part of the team.”

Margie Perry, Vice President and Branch Manager, Heritage Bank has been appointed Vice President of the board. Margie has been on the board for 3 years offering wonderful ideas for our fundraising efforts. Heritage Bank (formally Diablo Valley Bank) hosted Lights of the Valley in Pleasanton for the past two years and, as a part of each event, sponsored an Adopt – A – Bear program with all proceeds going to Hope Hospice and all bears purchased being distributed to sick children.

Charles Crohare, Vice President, Relationship Manager for Tri-Valley Bank, is the board’s new Treasurer. Charles is a fifth generation resident of Livermore. He has been part of the local community as a Vice President of Tri-Valley Bank along with providing oversight of the family’s olive oil business, *Olivina*, LLC. He lives amongst the family orchard with his wife, Patty, and their three children, Brandon, Fallan, and Cortney.

Mary Prishtina, RN, OCN, is the new Secretary on the board. Mary has many years of nursing experience and provides patients and their families with information and caring support at the

ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center in Pleasanton. She currently serves as the program chair for the California East Bay Oncology Nursing Society as well as serving on the Hope Hospice Nurse Ethics Committee.

Helen Meier, Executive Director, welcomes all of the new officers and states, “Their dedication and spirit of service is a wonderful gift. Our growth of excellence has been possible because of their persistent and tireless endeavors and we look forward to their continued support and leadership in 2008.”

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