

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT / COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### JANSSEN MALLOY LLP DIRECTS \$300,000 TO HOSPICE OF HUMBOLDT

EUREKA –As part of the settlement of a class action case brought on behalf of some 32,000 residents of understaffed skilled nursing facilities, including those in Humboldt County, the parties agreed to the disbursement of \$300,000 of settlement funds to Hospice of Humboldt.

The class action suit was brought by several firms, including the local law firm of Janssen Malloy LLP with offices in Eureka. On July 6, 2010, after a seven month trial, a Humboldt County jury returned a \$677 million verdict against one of the nation's largest nursing home chains, Skilled Healthcare, for violations of California's Health and Safety Code at 22 of its skilled nursing facilities throughout the state, five of which were located in Humboldt County. The parties then settled the case before the jury heard evidence about punitive damages.

"It is our honor to be able to give these funds to Hospice of Humboldt. Our work on behalf of nursing home residents has shown us that Hospice provides heartfelt care and services to people facing the end of their lives," said Michael Crowley, a partner at Janssen Malloy.

"Hospice serves patients wherever they live," said Marylee Bytheriver, executive director of Hospice of Humboldt, "including skilled nursing facilities. We are so appreciative of this gift and we will use it to help pay for the construction of the Ida Emerson Hospice House, an inpatient facility dedicated to providing specialized end of life care to the whole person."

Hospice of Humboldt has been serving families locally for over 32 years and has a staff of over 80 employees and 125 volunteers. Hospice provided end of life care to 584 patients last year who, as a result, were able to die with dignity and in comfort. For more information about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt visit their website at [www.hospiceofhumboldt.org](http://www.hospiceofhumboldt.org)



Hospice receives \$300,000 check in Skilled Healthcare lawsuit settlement.  
(left to right) Michael Crowley, Janssen Malloy LLP, Marylee Bytheriver, executive director of Hospice of Humboldt, and Amelia Burroughs, Janssen Malloy LLP.