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**JOURNALIST, JANE PAULEY HEADLINED ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR HOPE SERVICES**

(San Jose, CA – June 7, 2011) Award-winning broadcast journalist and New York Times Bestselling author, Jane Pauley captured the attention of more than 500 guests gathered for HOPE Services' 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Rise & Shine" Benefit Breakfast on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> which supported individuals with developmental disabilities.

Pauley, known for her 13-year tenure on NBC's *Today* program, later 12 years of *Dateline* NBC, masterfully wove her experience with her personal challenge with a later-in-life diagnosis of Bi-Polar disorder into her remarks commenting that "we can be productive with a disability".

NBC Bay Area Business/Technology Reporter, Scott McGrew eloquently led over 500 local community leaders through a program of inspiring speeches by HOPE Services' incoming CEO, John Christensen, and HOPE Services client, Jane Malkofsky, who emphasized how HOPE Services helped her to believe in her own abilities, and to find and hold a fulfilling job with benefits. Finally, Silicon Valley community philanthropist, Helen Marchese Owen, asked everyone to join her in supporting HOPE Services' efforts.

The night prior to the breakfast, event sponsors and major supporters of HOPE Services were treated to an exclusive, private VIP reception with Jane Pauley at San Jose Country Club.

"HOPE Services is extremely grateful for the fantastic support of the community and proud of the acknowledgement of the importance of our high-quality programs," states HOPE Services' incoming CEO, John Christensen. "Our clients directly benefit from donations, employment opportunities, and volunteer hours which are critical for them to be able to move towards independence, community membership, and self-sufficiency in their lives."

Since 1952, HOPE Services provides services addressing the evolving, life-long needs of infants, children, adults, and seniors with developmental disabilities in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Alameda counties. For more information visit [www.hopeservices.org](http://www.hopeservices.org).

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