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Providence Speech and Hearing Center breaks fundraising record

50th Anniversary Gala brings in \$700,000

ORANGE, Calif., December 1, 2015 – Providence Speech and Hearing Center (Providence), an industry leader and nonprofit organization since 1965, held its Annual Benefit Gala on Saturday, November 14 at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. With more than 400 guests in attendance at the 50th Anniversary event, Providence saw unprecedented fundraising success, bringing in nearly \$700,000—nearly doubling the amount raised at the annual gala in 2014!

Guests enjoyed browsing the silent auction items before the ballroom doors opened, and once inside the main event, they were treated to a brief program so the real fun could begin. At the conclusion of the “Fund-A-Need” portion of the evening, which raised more than \$300,000 for the organization’s Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute™, the confetti cannons fired gold streamers to kick off music and entertainment by JT & Friends. This 40-piece show band kept guests up on their feet and dancing for hours. After the main event, guests could choose to keep dancing with a DJ after-party or to enjoy cigars and conversation under the stars on the ocean-view terrace.

“There was tremendous energy and enthusiasm throughout this event, and we are truly blown away by the generosity of our donors. Thank you for making the Providence 50th Anniversary Gala such a HUGE success! It was wonderful to see the passion for our mission with everyone celebrating and having such a great time!” said Linda H. Smith, Providence CEO. “This event was the ultimate culmination of our 50th year – thanks to all of you for continuing to promote the mission of Providence and enabling us to continue serving those who need us most.”

Funds raised during the annual event enable Providence to continue its mission of Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing and provide grants and scholarships for patients from low-income families who are uninsured or under-insured. Many of these patients would otherwise be unable to afford the life-altering services Providence provides and may end up living in a world of silence.

Providence's expansive growth in the last several years has increased its annual patient visits from 18,000 to more than 100,000 and its number of facilities from one to eight. The need for Providence's services continues to increase, and it is only through donor and community support that the organization is able to keep its promise to never turn anyone away due to the inability to pay. Providence treats everyone, from newborns to senior adults, and ensures that all patients in need will be served.

About Providence Speech and Hearing Center

Founded in 1965, Providence Speech and Hearing Center is the leading service provider to the speech and hearing impaired of Orange County and beyond, offering a wide-range of speech, hearing and language services to adults and children. Providence accepts most major insurance companies and medical groups, as well as providing grants, scholarships and financing options for patients from low-income families who are uninsured or under-insured. The Providence family also includes Orange County Fall Prevention and Balance Center and Word & Brown Hearing Center. The organization's mission is *Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing*.

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