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Providence Speech and Hearing Center hosts 51st Annual Gala

Annual fundraiser brings in \$540,000

ORANGE, Calif., November 2, 2016 –Maybe it was the momentum coming off our 50th Anniversary celebration last year, or perhaps the earlier event date this year, or quite possibly the venue itself. Whatever the cause, there’s no denying that this year’s Annual Gala was truly magical!

On Saturday, October 22, more than 300 guests arrived at the Disneyland Hotel to celebrate with Providence at the 51st Annual Gala. They enjoyed browsing the silent auction items, mingling, and posing in the photo lounge before the ballroom doors opened. Once inside the main event, attendees were treated to a brief program hosted by Providence Board Member, Kevin Timone, and CEO, Linda Smith.

At the conclusion of the “Fund-A-Need” video, guests were introduced to Paul and Luci Grand, whose daughter, Penelope, was the first patient fitted with cochlear implants through the Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute™ at Providence Speech and Hearing Center. Penelope has just celebrated her first “hearing birthday,” and her parents told the audience of the tremendous progress she has made developing spoken communication since receiving her cochlear implants last year. When asked to help other local children who are profoundly deaf and in need of cochlear implants, the crowd responded by raising their paddles to donate more than \$250,000!

To celebrate, JT & Friends took the stage; this 40-piece show band kept guests up on their feet and dancing for hours. Their level of energy was even better than last year, and they included three encore performances!

At the end of the night, funds raised at Providence’s 51st Annual Gala totaled approximately \$540,000! With the exception of the golden anniversary event last year, this is a new fundraising high for Providence!

“There was tremendous energy and enthusiasm throughout this event, and we are truly in awe at the generosity of our donors. Every year, you exceed our expectations!” said Providence CEO Linda H. Smith. “Thank you for continuing to ensure that Providence can serve those who

need us most. These funds allow us to support more children like Penelope, and we look forward to sharing their success stories with you!”

Funds raised during the annual gala enable Providence to continue its mission of *Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing* for ALL those who need help. Without Providence, many patients would be unable to afford the life-altering services the organization provides and may end up living in a world of silence. As the need for services continues to increase each year, it is only through donor and community support that Providence is able to keep its promise to never turn anyone away due to the inability to pay. Providence strives to treat everyone, from newborns to senior adults, and ensure 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 Cochlear Implant Institute™, 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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