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Hoffmann Hospice hopes you and your family have also been richly blessed this holiday season. We need your help to attain our goal of $2.75 million and bring the “Comforts of Home” to families in need.

Take a virtual tour of the Comforts of Home by visiting our Hospice Home Project page at www.hoffmannhospice.org or call (661) 410-1010 for more information, to set up a personal tour or to make a contribution to the Comforts of Home project.

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The news broke on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 after the second inning of the Dodgers vs. Braves game. A massive, deafening standing ovation ensued at Dodger Stadium following the announcement that the “Voice of the Dodgers” Vin Scully would return to announce a 6th season in 2015. And it gets even better!

Hoffmann Hospice is excited to announce that the legendary Vin Scully has graciously agreed to serve as keynote speaker for the annual “Voices of Inspiration” dinner and fundraising event on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. The event will be held at the Bakersfield Rabobank Theater and Convention Center. Following on the heels of such well known inspirational speakers as Joe Torre, Marcus Lutrell, “Duck Dynasty” family members Phil, Si and Mia Kay and last year’s Michael J. Fox, you may want to mark your calendar early and place your ticket order.

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The initial feedback we heard after we made an offer to Mr. Scully was not encouraging. We were told that he just simply didn’t accept many speaking engagements at all,” says Hoffmann Hospice Director of Marketing and Development, Gretchen Daughtery. But event organizers for Hoffmann Hospice patiently waited and hoped for good news, knowing that if Mr. Scully agreed to come to Bakersfield he would have a tremendously popular draw for community members.

To accommodate his busy 2015 schedule, Hoffmann Hospice offered to hold the event earlier in the year in hopes it would help influence his decision. And it did! Knowing that Kern County is such a dearth baseball town, Hoffmann Hospice was thrilled to host an early sell out. Guests can look forward to an exciting new venue, which will include sponsor VIP tent and great opportunities, live auction, raffle prizes, entertainment and a big surprise for attendees that you won’t want to miss.

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On Tuesday March 17, 2015 the Vibrant Arts Coalition and Hoffmann Hospice will host the 7th annual “Voices of Inspiration” dinner and fundraising event at the Bakersfield Rabobank Theater and Convention Center. Tables of 8 available for $1200; $600 for more details.

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