ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Launches Campaign to Fund Stroke Care
Philanthropic Livermore couple kicks off campaign with a challenge match

• Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke
• Stroke is the third leading cause of death in California
• Only 22% of people get stroke care in time to reduce serious complications

Livermore, CA – Lynn and Joan Seppala, longtime Livermore residents, have personal experience that has propelled them to help launch the Campaign for Stroke Care at Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, to provide the Tri-Valley community with lifesaving, critical care. Lynn Seppala suffered a stroke years ago and remembers, “I went to therapy rehabilitation nearly 30 miles away, often three times a week for almost a year. There wasn’t then, and isn’t now, any stroke care that is local.” The Seppalas donated $100,000 to launch the campaign; then they decided they needed to contribute an additional $150,000 challenge match to encourage their neighbors and the Tri-Valley community to join them in helping ValleyCare Charitable Foundation reach the campaign goal of $1 million: for every two dollars that someone donates, the Seppalas will donate one dollar, up to $150,000.

“Timely care is critical when treating a stroke patient, and we want to serve our neighbors by providing access to high-quality stroke care close to home,” said Dr. David Svec, Chief Medical Officer at Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. “As it is now, requirements demand that emergency personnel transporting patients with potential stroke symptoms must bypass our Hospital and go to a certified stroke center farther away.”

“We are so grateful to Joan and Lynn for their leadership in launching this campaign and accelerating our efforts to bring stroke care to our community,” said Scott Greger, President of Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. “Having a certified stroke center located here at ValleyCare will greatly enhance the care we can provide locally. The community’s investment in this program, along with our connection to Stanford’s top-rated neurology program, will provide valuable resources in the Tri-Valley.”

To learn more about the Campaign for Stroke Care or to rise to Lynn’s and Joan’s challenge by having your gift matched, visit valleycare.com/stroke or contact the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at either 925-373-4560 or vccharitable@stanfordhealthcare.org.

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About ValleyCare Charitable Foundation
ValleyCare Charitable Foundation (VCCF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the sole purpose of raising funds for Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. Funds raised by VCCF support a wide variety of initiatives that enhance patient care and help meet the growing needs of the Tri-Valley communities. Our fundraising focus is local, with monies supporting state-of-the-art healthcare technology, facilities, and various clinical programs and services at the Hospital. VCCF has been generously supported by the Tri-Valley community for over 50 years and is dedicated to keeping quality health care available to you and your family when you need it. For more information, please email vccharitable@stanfordhealthcare.org or call 925-373-4560.

About Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare
ValleyCare Health System has provided high-quality, not-for-profit health care to the Tri-Valley and surrounding communities since 1961. In 2015, ValleyCare and Stanford Health Care partnered to become Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare. Through highly skilled physicians, nurses and staff, and state-of-the-art technology, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare offers a wide range of healthcare services at its Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin medical facilities. Visit www.valleycare.com.