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**Nonprofit's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala raises more than \$650K for patients and families**

(PASADENA, MD, April 8, 2019) —Hospice of the Chesapeake recently celebrated four decades of history with its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, a stellar event that first and foremost celebrated the many volunteers, professionals, donors and families who have shared the path in the four-decade journey of one of the nation's first hospice organizations.

The gala held March 16 at the Live! Hotel at Arundel Mills in Hanover, Maryland, brought in more than 650 thousand dollars that will support the organization's hospice, palliative and bereavement care programs and services provided to patients and families in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

Around 550 people enjoyed an evening that included dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions and musical entertainment by Radio City. During the event "Celebrating 40 Years of Care," a video produced by VPC, Inc., featuring team members, volunteers, donors and patient family members, was debuted to poignantly share the mission of the organization. This video can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/325024381>.

The 2019 lead sponsors were Live! Casino & Hotel; The Wilburn Company; Greenberg Gibbons Commercial Corporation; Reliable Contracting Company, Inc.; Anne Arundel Medical Center; The Jim & Linda Humphrey Foundation; Annapolis Dermatology Associates; John and Cathy Belcher; Gilligan Design Group; Legacy Financial; John & Terri Hussman; Moran Insurance; Richard & Mary Pfau & Family; Ken Stanley; Tech USA, Inc., Thomas B. Howell, Sr., Founder; Bill & Lydia Vincek; Whiteford | Taylor | Preston, LLP and Zachary's Jewelers.

*(See next page for event photos. High resolution available upon request.)*

All photos taken March 16, 2019, Live! Hotel by Alison Harbaugh, Sugar Farm Productions.



Hospice of the Chesapeake founder Martha O’Herlihy poses with, from left, President of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Edo Banach, Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman and Hospice of the Chesapeake’s President and CEO Ben Marcantonio.



Hospice of the Chesapeake’s President and CEO Ben Marcantonio welcomes guests at the Hospice of the Chesapeake 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.



Another part of Hospice of the Chesapeake's history is that there is always plenty of dancing at its galas, and this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was no exception.



Steve Samaras of Zachary's Jewelers served as the evening's emcee, and deftly cajoled the crowd into lifting their bidding paddles, helping the organizers to make the fundraiser a \$650,000 success.

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For 40 years, Hospice of the Chesapeake has been caring for life throughout the journey with illness and loss. For more information, please visit [www.hospicechesapeake.org](http://www.hospicechesapeake.org).