

TREASURE COAST

Founding Friends of Treasure Coast Hospice support programs

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At a recent gathering at the Harbour Ridge home of Ginny Salamy, the Founding Friends of Treasure Coast Hospice board members ended their fiscal year by presenting CEO Jackie Kendrick a check for \$125,000. Together with their Harbour Ridge community, the board members work tirelessly raising funds that enable Treasure Coast Hospice to continue to provide outstanding grief support programs to children and families. Director of Grief Support and Pediatric Services Jacki Nardone expressed her gratitude and explained the donation's significance.

"What most people don't know is that the grief support that we provide is a nonfunded entity," said Nardone. "Medicare requires that we offer grief counseling and support, but there are no dollars



Pictured, from left, are Jacki Nardone, Ginny Salamy and Treasure Coast Hospice CEO Jackie Kendrick. MARYANN KETCHAM

allotted to these services. A higher level of counseling is afforded to our clients, thanks to organizations such as the Founding Friends. Our team is truly grateful for the ongoing support and generosity of the Founding Friends."

From helping make children's wishes come true to identifying and supporting

the kids and families most in need to helping fund programs such as Camp Good Grief, Children and Family Counseling, Family Retreats and more, the Founding Friends of Treasure Coast Hospice play a significant role.

Attendees paid a loving tribute to Founding Friend Jody Braskamp, who

died in February. Braskamp served as president of the organization 2006-08 and served on the Treasure Coast Hospice Foundation Board 2008-15.

"Jody had a shining heart that beat for Treasure Coast Hospice," said CEO Jackie Kendrick. She then thanked the Founding Friends, especially Ginny Salamy, president, for their incredible dedication, innovation and involvement, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The get together concluded with an introduction to the new board of directors. They are as follows: Lisa O'Neill, president; Chris Kaufman, vice president; Kathy Kenny, secretary; Glenda Byrne, treasurer; Susan Griffin, membership; Roberta Kulas, hospitality; and Deb Schnabel, publicity. Denise Boyle will serve as a Member Emeritus. Incoming President O'Neill said that she hopes the organization can do even more this year as COVID-19 begins to dissipate.