

# Treasure Coast Hospice raises funds for grief support

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Guests and sponsors recently supported the Founding Friends of Treasure Coast Hospice's Food and Wine from Around the World - Eat, Sip & Stay event.

The annual fundraiser, traditionally hosted in the Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club Riverview Dining Room, transformed into a virtual event, raising \$125,000 for Grief Support Youth and Family Programs.

Keeping its community safe from the risk of COVID-19 is of paramount importance to those at Treasure Coast Hospice. After careful consideration, a cautious yet effective way to proceed with the event soon emerged.

The event combined a drive-thru pick-up of Harbour Ridge Chef Robert Goodhue's inspired creations that included menu items representative of Italy, Spain, France and Germany with four specially chosen wines supplied by Kling Gallery, Wine & Décor of Stuart. Participants then attended a virtual pairing event featuring wine sommelier Bill Kling and a cooking demo from Chef Goodhue as they had their meal from the safety of home.

A specially designed program booklet helped the supporters follow along and gave recognition to the event sponsors. An online silent auction helped boost fundraising efforts with items such as a post-COVID-19 progressive dinner for eight, several golf foursomes, a basket of cheer and more up for bid.

Funds raised benefit Treasure Coast Hospice Grief Support Youth and Family Programs, which offer grief support services free of charge to any family or child in the community who has lost a loved one such as Camp Good Grief, a weekend program where approximately 40 children and teens who have experienced a loss of a parent, sibling or grandparent attend a camp to have fun, canoe, hike, design arts and crafts and connect with other peers who are also grieving. With the help of Treasure Coast Hospice counselors, they learn how to process their grief and leave bet-



From left: Craig Perry, Jacki Nardone and Agnes Palmer. PHOTOS BY MARYANN KETCHAM



From left: Founding Friends Chris Kaufman, Lisa O'Neill, Kathy Kenny and Denise Boyle.



Denise Boyle, left, and Jody Braskamp.



Patti Hunzeker, left, and Ken Hunzeker.

ter prepared to cope with their loss. Due to the pandemic, last year's Camp Good Grief went virtual, highlighting the ingenuity of the grief support team and their dedication to ensuring that compassionate care is available to the community.

"It is inspiring to see how the Found-

ing Friends of Treasure Coast Hospice adapted during this pandemic and came together to produce such a successful virtual event," said Treasure Coast Hospice CEO Jackie Kendrick. "It is because of the Founding Friends' continued support over the years that Treasure Coast Hospice has been able to expand its counseling programs to help more children, teens, and families cope with grief

and loss in our community."

Event sponsors include Alice F. & Cortland J. Knipe Charitable Trust, Bill Lichtenberger, Dick & Denise Boyle, Andrea Lutz, Joan Cutting, Bob & Carol Weissman, Gordon & Anita Lamb through the Jefferson Family Foundation, and many more.

For more information, please visit [TreasureHealth.org](http://TreasureHealth.org).