

Calvert Hospice thanks Culinary Event contributors

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To the Editor:

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Calvert Hospice, I would like to express our endless appreciation to those who helped make our Fourth Annual Culinary Event our most successful ever! We owe much of the evening's success once again to Running Hare Vineyard, who provided us with a stunning setting for the evening and the perfect environment in which our guests were able to relax and enjoy themselves.

The spectacular cuisine created by Elegance by Maryland Country Caterers and their continued generosity was key to the success of the evening. Rounding out the experience was the incredible Nightlife Band with an array of music that kept everyone on the dance floor. We remain deeply indebted to the generosity of time, money, and spirit that these three supporters have provided us over the years and we look forward to continuing our partnerships for many years to come.

Most importantly, the Culinary Event was financially successful in raising much-needed funds for the Burnett Calvert Hospice House. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, live auction donors, Fund-A-Need supporters, behind-the-scenes volunteers, and our guests, we raised over \$56,000 to help offset the costs of caring for those in our community who do not have the financial means to cover their expenses at the Hospice House. Our mission ensures that we never turn anyone away due to their inability to pay, and funds raised from our events help us stay true to that commitment. In the last two years we have provided some form of financial aid to 39% of our patients at the Hospice House, and it is the continued support of the many wonderfully generous members of our community that has enabled us to do so.

There are many individuals, organizations, and businesses who deserve recognition for their contributions to the evening. First, we'd like to thank our Hospice Partners, each of whom have made a sustaining and unique commitment to Calvert Hospice and our work: Medart Galleries, Kelly Generator, Dominion, and Floor Systems. Second, we'd like to thank our sponsors whose substantial support made the evening possible: Dr. Stephen Peters, Running Hare Vineyard, Elegance by Maryland Country Caterers, Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Anchor Pharmacy & Medical Supply, Rymer & Associates PA, Steve & Eileen Bildman, PNC Bank, SMECO, Bonnie Augustino & Tim Snead, Andrew Rappaport for State's Attorney, Celebrate with Travell, Lee Funeral Home, Jacqueline Morgan Day Spa, IHI Kiewit One Cove Point, Marrick Homes, NAI Michael, Jan Kleponis of O'Brien Realty, Pickett & Oliverio, Diane Couchman & James Batchelor. Our gratitude goes to all those who donated items for our live auction: King Street Blues, Calvert Brewing Company, Running Hare Vineyard, Susan Shaw, Jeri Kalins, Ann Crain, Dr. & Mrs. Raymon Noble, Pamela Callen, Gail Chenevy, Mary Blumberg, Carol Wade, Claire Piason, Dave Wardrup Sr., Barbara Murphy-Leary, Shoppe for Hospice, Biplane Air Tours, Washington Nationals, Mike Scarborough, and Maertens Fine Jewelry & Gifts. We'd also like to give a special shout out to all those who volunteered their time and skills to make the evening run smoothly and add a special touch here and there: Bill Chambers, AAA Transport, Wemyss Liquors, Beth Graeme Photography, Bob Carpenter & the Arts Council of Calvert County, and the Explorers from the Calvert County Sheriff's Department. And of course, the leadership team and staff of Hospice were the true energy and talent that drove this event and who made it such a memorable evening for so many of us. As always, this was a collaborative effort and we are incredibly thankful to work together in support of a mission we believe in so deeply.

Finally, we would like to attempt to adequately express our gratitude to all those who came out to support us at this event. You made the evening what it was – a unique community of caring in support of your community's hospice. We are humbled by your trust in us and privileged to be able to serve all of those families who need our assistance. Simply, thank you to everyone. Because of you, we are able to continue to help patients and families make the most of every moment.

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