

Pink & Blue benefit raises funds for cancer programs

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PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. - The 9th Annual Pink and Blue committee recently presented a check to CalvertHealth Foundation and its oncology team in the amount of \$23,500. The event, held in late 2018 at Old South Country Club in Lothian, celebrated the life of the Honorable Robert Mason and raised \$47,000 for breast and prostate cancer programs at CalvertHealth Medical Center and Anne Arundel Medical Center with proceeds split between the two hospitals. Since it began, the popular charity event has raised more than \$375,000.

First held in 2010, the Pink and Blue event, which includes golf, tennis and a 5K, was created by the Old South Women's Golf Association (OSWGA) and the Old South Charitable Trust to honor and pay tribute to members who have passed away due to cancer.

This year's event was dedicated to Robert "Bob" Mason, 79, a retired Prince George's County Circuit Judge, who passed away in June after a courageous battle with cancer. Following his service in the US Marine Corps, he pursued a career in public service, which included serving as a Maryland Assistant State's Attorney, Juvenile Court Master and District Court Judge. He was also a professor of legal studies at Prince George's Community College and was actively involved in the Bowie Boys and Girls Club.

Due to the ongoing support by Old South, its members, friends and many generous sponsors, approximately 95 percent of all monies raised go directly to cancer programs and equipment at CalvertHealth Medical Center (CHMC) and Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC). Old South donates the use of the club for the tournament free of charge. They do it in support of their loved ones and the community they serve.

Proceeds from the Pink and Blue tournament have helped CalvertHealth expand patient education and nurse navigation programs, enhance survivorship offerings and purchase equipment including new clinical recliners for patients receiving chemotherapy.

Last year's Pink and Blue donation was used to enhance the medical center's breast genetic testing and prostate nurse navigator programs. This year's funds will offer continued support for cancer support services, including nurse navigation services for both breast and prostate cancers as well as a special education program for primary care doctors on the changing recommendations about prostate cancer screening and management of high-risk patients.

"Our vision is to bring quality cancer care close to home," said CalvertHealth President and CEO Dean Teague. "Thanks to the efforts of Old South Country Club and the proceeds from the Pink and Blue tournament, we can come closer to fulfilling this goal. We are extremely grateful for the continued support to help us meet the needs of our community struggling with cancer."

We want to thank all our sponsors, including Masters Cup Sponsors Beverly Ingraham and Claims Bridge High Performance Network. Thank you to our Ryder Cup Sponsors Anne Arundel Medical Center; CalvertHealth Medical Center; L. R. Willson & Sons, Inc. and Tim and Cindy Parlett. Thank you to our 5-K Sponsors Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County and Chaney Enterprises. Lastly, thanks to our Tennis Sponsors Marty and Brandi Hanback; Sue Dippel/ Dippel & Co., Inc and Rosemary and Pat Keffler.

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