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WINTER 2021

CELEBRATING AN ABUNDANT LIFE®

The smooth notes of the piano and inviting sounds of the violin played in harmony as the collective voices of over 200 friends, partners, sponsors, and employees of Lutheran SeniorLife engaged in enthusiastic conversations at Pittsburgh Field Club on Thursday, October 7. That was the scene of the celebratory return of the 17th annual Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation gala.

Chairman of the Foundation Board, The Reverend Michael Sourwine, noted the excitement and enthusiasm at this year's gala, especially after

taking a year off over an abundance of caution. "In many ways, it was a huge gift to resume the annual event and be back in person," said Reverend Sourwine. "There was a buzz in the room that was, at times, hard to subdue."

"Celebrating an *Abundant Life*®" was the theme for the evening as the gala raised over \$160,000, with 100% of the proceeds supporting the Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation Mission Fund. In addition to all of the donors, a special thanks goes out to the sponsors

whose support makes all the difference in the mission of providing an *Abundant Life*® to everyone we serve and those who serve.

"Everything exceeded our expectations," noted Foundation president, Jane Bittcher.

"The Foundation staff has done an incredible job over the last 18 months continuing to maintain relationships with our donors through non face-to-face ways," said Reverend Sourwine. "This event is a really important piece."



(TOP ROW L-R) David Fenoglietto, President and CEO Lutheran SeniorLife; Bishop Kurt Kusserow; Chris Jordheim, Chairman Lutheran SeniorLife Board; Joe Patz; The Reverend Michael Sourwine, Chairman Foundation Board; (Bottom ROW L-R) Claudine Matthews; Jane Bittcher, Foundation President, and Pam Kusserow.

Our generous sponsors included; Grant Street Asset Management, Highmark, Henderson Brothers, The George H. Campbell, Lillian S, Campbell, and Mary S. Campbell Foundation; NexTier Bank, Northwest, Allegheny Construction Group, and S&T Bank.

"There is no question that our annual fund raising event, coordinated by our Foundation, does so much to help the many programs and services at Lutheran SeniorLife," said David Fenoglietto, Lutheran SeniorLife, President and CEO. "Its influence is felt companywide and trickles

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to continually transform and elevate health, wellness, and social services while fostering an *Abundant Life*® for those we serve and who serve.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are grateful.

The changing of the seasons ushers in a time for reflection of the many blessings that have been bestowed upon Lutheran SeniorLife. Through reflection, we draw upon a deeper understanding and appreciation of our mission partners and those we serve – from residents, participants and patients, to our employees, donors and board members that empower us to transform and elevate health, wellness and social services.



We are grateful for the opportunity to provide life-enriching programs and services in a safe and welcoming environment for our residents throughout our many communities, who have chosen to call our faith-based communities home.

We are grateful for the participants of our LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly) programs in Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence counties. Through our partnerships, hundreds of older adults are able to access medical services and social activities that afford them the ability to continue living in their own homes.

We are grateful for our dedicated employees. During these extraordinary times, our employees have done everything asked of them to maintain the safety of those we serve, from patient services provided by our home health and hospice programs, to family services through adoption and foster care. It's this type of teamwork and collaboration that makes Lutheran SeniorLife a "Great Place to Work."

We are grateful for the generous gifts of our donors. We recently acknowledged all the good Lutheran SeniorLife has to offer by Celebrating an *Abundant Life*® with our friends and partners at our annual fund raising event. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event supports the continuation of our programs and services.

We are grateful for our board members and many volunteers, who generously give of their time and talents, providing us with leadership and guidance, and service to those we serve.

With all of these gifts – we are so blessed to continually live our mission – and for that we are grateful.

David Fenoglietto,
President and CEO of Lutheran SeniorLife

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down to each employee who lives our mission statement every day."

That influence was felt no more than in an incredibly touching video, titled 'Celebrating *Abundant Life*®' that showed the impact Lutheran SeniorLife employees have and how they have witnessed an *Abundant Life*® in those they serve.

"I think that *Abundant Life*® is what makes your life special and purposeful," explained Christine Namey, the physical therapist at the start of the video. "For each of our patients that can be something different."

From talking about how therapy has helped a loved one play with their grandchild to another individual who regained their ability to walk even though they thought it would never be possible again, these were just a few of the stories illustrating the impact donations have on the lives of the residents, participants and patients.

"The donations impact those we serve, providing an environment for each person to have their own unique *Abundant Life*®," said Fenoglietto, on the extent of just how much this event means to Lutheran SeniorLife.

Some of the auction items included an autographed Mario Lemieux jersey, Pittsburgh Steelers tickets, golf packages including rounds at Pittsburgh Field Club, Butler Country Club, Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, a five-pound, Sarris Candies candy bar and beautiful hand-crafted walking sticks from a Passavant resident, as well as several jewelry items.

In addition to the silent auction, the night was highlighted by a wonderful dinner, a toast and great musical entertainment. "People were really excited about getting out, socializing

and coming together for a great cause," said Bittcher.

One of this year's highlights included a violinist who went table-to-table taking requests. "You could just tell how much everyone really enjoyed it," an enthusiastic Bittcher proclaimed. "They were having fun with the song request."

Next year's gala is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022 and will again return to Pittsburgh Field Club.

"It was a great night for Lutheran SeniorLife. We are grateful for our many donors, supporters, and for the generosity to those whom we serve," said Reverend Sourwine. "We can't wait to celebrate again next year." ❖



ABOVE: Violinist Steven Vance entertains guests.



ABOVE RIGHT: Violinist Song List



RIGHT: Autographed Mario Lemieux Jersey

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An exciting evening for friends, partners, sponsors, and employees of Lutheran SeniorLife.



ABOVE: Toasting to living an **Abundant Life**®.

RIGHT: Grant Street Asset Management – Signature Sponsor

BELOW: The Reverend Michael Sourwine Chairman, Foundation Board; and Jane Bittcher, Foundation President



BELOW: Highmark – Dinner Sponsor



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ABOVE: Eastern Alliance Insurance Group – Silver Sponsor

RIGHT: First Evangelical English Lutheran Church – Bronze Sponsor



BELOW: The Reverend Musser & Friends – Silver Sponsor



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– Reverend Sourwine

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PASSAVANT COMMUNITY CONTINUES THE ABUNDANT LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Decorating a Christmas tree ranks among one of the most cherished holiday traditions of the season. For many, decorating a tree brings back sentimental memories and stories of Christmas past.

Thanks to the leadership efforts at Lutheran SeniorLife Passavant Community Campus, this year's Abundant Lights celebration will once again provide the opportunity to purchase a Lantern in honor of or in memory of a loved one that has touched our lives, supporting

our Benevolent Care Program and lighting the way to the Christmas season.

Names of those who are being honored and remembered by a sponsored lantern will be hung on the Christmas trees outside of Scholl Conference Center. In addition to handmade lanterns being hung throughout the campus, Laura Roy, Executive Director of Passavant Community, will read the names during the Abundant Lights Celebration Saturday, December 4. Roy believes this year's Abundant Lights Celebration is, "a symbol of hope and light. Abundant Lights not only serves to remind

us of those we love and cherish, it reminds us of the hope we have in Jesus Christ who is the Light of the world."

In 2020, the campaign raised over \$9,000 with 400 names adorning the Christmas trees. "That was our highest year ever," said Jane Bittcher, Lutheran SeniorLife Foundation President, of the Lanterns' importance to the sponsors.

"It's a great way to honor a loved one and give back at the same time," said Bittcher, as all proceeds benefit the Benevolent Care Fund of the Passavant Community. ❖