

Jazzy Event To Benefit Community Hospice Foundation

Is it possible to eat, drink, and be merry while benefiting your community?

At Community Hospice Foundation's first annual "Jazzy June Jive," it most certainly will be. The jazz benefit, held June 20th at Wake Forest's Cotton Company located at 306 South White Street, will begin at 6:30 with a silent auction. Auction items range from original jewelry by Snell Design to a round of golf at Heritage Golf Club.

Bidder's appetites will be satisfied with heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by 1705 Prime, thanks to RSVP Raleigh's owner, Ryan Moss, who donated funds to help cover the expense.

Live entertainment for the "Jazzy June Jive" will be provided by professional jazz ensemble, RJO Trio and Raleigh's own, Old Avenue.

"The way the [band] describes it is soft rock with a little bit of jazz and a little bit of funk," said Marirose Steigerwald, Old Avenue's Manager.

In addition to performing at the benefit, Old Avenue is contributing to the silent auction.

"As a silent auction item, they're going to play at a private party—to the highest bidder," said Steigerwald. "Someday, someone will be able to tell their grandchildren Old Avenue played at their private party."

Both Steigerwald and her son, Sean—the band's drummer—have had personal experience with hospice services when the drummer's grandmother, Margaret Keyes, suffered a stroke and heart attack, passing away nearly two years ago.

"It gave us all time to take care of her and to help her transition," Steigerwald said. "Hospice is one of those things you don't understand until you go through it. There's no better cause than supporting the foundation."

Community Hospice Foundation provides financial assistance as well as education and research funding to deserving families across North Carolina.

"By the time patients reach hospice they very often have spent their life savings on medical bills and find they are unable to pay their household bills," said, Cindy Hale, the foundation's Executive Director, "Community leaders, business owners and those who have cared for patients on hospice understand the financial burdens and want to help keep patients in their homes, help keep them warm in the winter and help families with the final disposition of their loved one."

Local businesses that choose to sponsor the benefit will be recognized on signage at the event and on the web. Levels of sponsorship range from \$100 to \$7,500.

Tickets to the benefit—on sale now for \$75—and sponsorship information are available by calling (252) 467-1383 or via email at cindy.hale@community-companies.com. Space is limited to 150 guests; tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

For further information on the benefit, visit www.jazzyjunejive09.com. For more information on Community Hospice Foundation, visit www.communityhch.com.