

American Cancer Society Farm to Table Metro East Rallies And Raises Over \$50,000 To Continue Supporting Fight Against Cancer

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COLLINSVILLE — The 2020 Farm to Table To-Go Culinary Event presented by MRHFM Law Firm was a pivot for the organization where creativity and determination paid off. More importantly, money raised will go to the Society's mission priorities of supporting critical cancer research during these uncertain times. In Illinois, over 70,000 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2020, so the need for answers is urgent.

Community Development Manager Alissa Fuhrmann said, "The genuine support and compassionate hearts of our sponsors, vendors, community supporters and everyone touched by cancer made this a success."

ACS secured funds through pre-solicited sponsorships, a floral centerpiece raffle featuring designs by Grimm & Gorly Flowers & Gifts, and an online silent auction during the week of the event. Instead of event tickets this year, 175 to-go tote bags were available and included food from 13 vendors across the Metro East, the totes were sold out. Ticketholders picked up their totes at host sponsor Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

The event was presented by sponsor Maune Raichle Hartley French & Mudd Law Firm, which is exclusively dedicated to mesothelioma victims and their families. Patron sponsors were Edward Jones, Helmkamp Construction, and OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center. Supporting Sponsors were 1st MidAmerica Credit Union, the Gori Law Firm, Piasa Motor Fuels, Prairie Farms, and Scott Credit Union.

The event helps fund breakthrough research, advocacy and the 24/7 National Cancer Information Center (1-800-227-2345), all of which have contributed to a 29% decrease in cancer death rates between 1991-2017.

Learn more about Farm to Table at www.acsfarmtotable.com

About the American Cancer Society:

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of nearly 2 million volunteers dedicated to saving lives, celebrating lives, and leading the fight for a world without cancer. From breakthrough research, to free lodging near treatment, a 24/7/365 live helpline, free rides to treatment, and convening powerful activists to create awareness and impact, the Society is attacking cancer from every angle. For more information go to www.cancer.org.