



**7TH ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT RAISES MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS
FOR BETHELL HOSPICE FOUNDATION and FAMILY TRANSITION PLACE**

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On Saturday, April 6, 2019, Hockley Valley Resort held a Date Night themed event, raising \$29,015 for local charities Bethell Hospice Foundation and Family Transition Place.

The evening began with a cocktail reception as guests viewed the silent auction items donated by generous vendors. A 4-course farm-to-table dinner followed, while guests enjoyed Spanish dancing by Caledon Dance Center. A jam-packed dance floor learned the smooth moves of the salsa with instructor David Valenzuela, IDTA, CDTA, ballroom and Latin dance instructor at Caledon Dance Center, and his subsequent dance contest saw the winners receive an overnight stay with breakfast at Hockley Valley Resort.

The night offered many chances for guests to win something while keeping the fundraising efforts at the forefront, 50/50 and Heads or Tails contest, Silent Auction, and Mark Grice, Headwaters' local artist, painted a 'Spanish Dancers' canvas during the course of the evening and was auctioned off with 50% of the proceeds to the charity.

Norah Kennedy, Executive Director at Family Transition Place said "Date Night was some of the most fun I've ever had at a fundraiser! The event was beautifully choreographed from beginning to end –great food, great company, fabulous silent auction capped off by terrific dancing performances and lessons! We are so grateful to Hockley Valley Resort for their ongoing friendship and support. We are honoured to have shared the spotlight that night with Bethell Hospice, as the charities benefitting from this stellar evening out. The funds raised at this event will help us ensure that those reaching out for help from any of our many services will continue to receive it – and will support our mission to educate about the importance of healthy relationships in the ongoing struggle to end violence against women. Thank you Hockley Valley Resort!"

"Hockley Valley Resort has been a valued ally of Bethell Hospice Foundation for many years, and we are so pleased to have been a recipient of their generosity once again," commented Jeannette Vanden Heuvel, Executive Director of Bethell Hospice Foundation. "Dinner & Dancing Date Night was a great event, and it was clear how much the guests enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone at Hockley Valley Resort for believing in the importance of Bethell Hospice in our community," said Jeannette Vanden Heuvel, Executive Director, Bethell Hospice Foundation.



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“We are so excited that we managed to raise even more funds than we did last year. We try to change the theme up every year and this year’s attendees LOVED the theme! We had couples, friends and tables of girlfriends all participating in the Date Night theme, it was great. We are proud to be handing over these much needed funds to our two local charities, and we applaud them for what they do for our community,” said Ken Murray, General Manager, Hockley Valley Resort.

About Hockley Valley Resort

Hockley Valley Resort is a year-round resort destination located in the heart of some of Ontario’s most picturesque countryside, one hour from downtown Toronto. Hockley Valley Resort first opened its doors in 1985. The 300-acre property features 104 luxury rooms and suites, 14 meeting rooms and an 8,000 square foot, full-service spa. The resort is home to a championship 18-hole golf course and 16 scenic ski and snowboard runs for all levels, including an upper and lower freestyle terrain park. For more information please visit www.hockley.com.

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