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Evergreen Hospice To Host Fundraising Gala

Annual event takes place Feb. 22 at Angus Glen

Evergreen Hospice's 2013 gala, which takes place Feb. 22 at Angus Glen Golf Club, is the largest fundraiser of the year for the organization, which provides palliative care and bereavement support in the community.

This year's theme is The Disco Ball and the gala will include a gourmet dinner with wine, entertainment, dancing, live and silent auctions and a raffle. It provides a vital source of financial support to the hospice, especially in light of a rapidly growing population and the increasing complexity of cases resulting from changes to OHIP eligibility criteria.

"Evergreen Hospice receives about 20 per cent of their operating funds from government sources, so the success of this gala is critical for us to continue to provide services to our growing community," explained Hospice executive director Jan Pearce.

"Proceeds from this event will allow us to continue to offer free-of-charge palliative care and bereavement support to residents of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville." Last year's Motown-themed gala raised more than $100,000 and organizers hope to top that figure in 2013.

"The annual gala is a huge undertaking for Evergreen Hospice," said Santo Natale, who is chair of the 2013 fundraiser. "We couldn't accomplish our goals without our committee of dedicated volunteers and the financial support from our sponsors. We're confident that people will love this year's theme and will have a great time when they attend."

And whether you've forgotten the disco era, or are too young to remember this late-1970s phenomenon, organizers offer a checklist of pointers. "Afros and platform shoes were in and line dances such as the Hustle and the Electric Slide were all the rage. Well-known disco artists included Gloria Gaynor, Donna Summer, The Bee Gees, KC and the Sunshine Band, Chic, The Village People and The Jacksons. Films such as *Saturday Night Fever* also contributed to the rise of disco's popularity."

Evergreen Hospice serves Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham, providing support at no cost to clients. Since 1989, it has helped people of all ages who are touched by a life threatening illness or the death of a loved one, providing compassionate palliative care, helping people maintain dignity and personal choice, and helping them maintain a positive quality of life.

The bereavement support program is designed to meet the specific emotional needs of children, teens and adults as they adjust to loss and learn new living skills.

For tickets and information visit www.evergreenhospice.org or call 905-472-5014.

Kevin and Jennfier Baxter were among the guests at the 2012 Evergreen Hospice Fundraising Gala. This year's event takes place at Angus Glen Golf Club on Feb. 22.

Marilyn and Dave Parsons celebrate the Motown sound at the 2012 Evergeen Hospice Gala.

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