

Harbour Ridge Annual Benefit for SafeSpace



In Photo: Co-chairs: Dot Coblentz & Judy Tilliss flank SafeSpace CEO Dr. Teresa Albizu at check presentation ceremony.

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Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club has been hosting an annual fundraising event for SafeSpace for more than a decade. 2021 event co-chairs Dot Coblentz and Judy Tilliss weren't going to let a pandemic interrupt this important tradition.

On February 6, residents of the community came out in full-force for a Super Bowl Virtual Warm-Up Party. The event netted over \$65,000 for SafeSpace to help victims of domestic violence survive and thrive.

Harbour Ridge's Chef Rob prepared dinners for participants to enjoy safely in their homes. Each received a bag containing craft beers, hors d'oeuvres, 3-course dinner, event program, Super Bowl trivia questions and exercise bands.

While dining, they enjoyed a virtual program that included singers, sports writer, fitness trainer, silent auction, SafeSpace survivor testimonials and CEO Teresa Albizu's vision for the organization.

Coblentz says, "It is sad that we must have such a "cause" as SafeSpace, but thankfully we do have such an organization. Their mission has always been near and dear to many hearts here." Tilliss adds, "Thanks to our loyal membership, we were able to have a successful virtual event."

"SafeSpace is very grateful for the support of the Harbour Ridge members," says Albizu. "They recognize with the rising incidence of domestic violence during the pandemic, SafeSpace's programs and services are needed now more than ever to help victims transition to a violence free life."

For more information about SafeSpace, visit www.safespacefl.org or call 772-223-2399. It is the only Certified Domestic Violence Center saving and changing lives on the Treasure Coast. Hotline help is available 24/7 at 772-288-7023.