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Harbour Ridge Benefit Committee members Suzi Romanik, Patricia Imperiale, Barbara McKinnon, Chair Judy Tilliss and Dot Coblentz with SafeSpace Board President (second from right) Nancy Wong

After holding a virtual fundraising event last year due to the pandemic, members of the Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club enjoyed returning to their Clubhouse on February 19, 2022 to support SafeSpace and dance to the music of the Street Talk Band. Sponsorships, tickets, donations, champagne bucket drawing and a silent auction raised over \$100,000 of much needed funds to help save and change the lives of Treasure Coast domestic violence victims and their children by providing intervention, prevention and advocacy services.

Originally started 14 years ago by long-time supporters of SafeSpace, Doug and Patty Stewart, the annual gala benefit has continued as a labor of love by many Harbour Ridge members throughout the years. This year's benefit committee was chaired by Judy Tilliss. She and her committee members Dot Coblentz, Patricia Imperiale, Barbara McKinnon and Suzi Romanik believe in the cause so much that they have already committed to work on the 15th annual benefit for SafeSpace scheduled for February 18, 2023.

"The community is fortunate that SafeSpace is able to help adult victims and their children, not only with the crisis hotline and emergency shelters but also with many legal, financial and mental health counseling programs and services. We, at Harbour Ridge, want to make sure these SafeSpace programs and services continue as long as they are needed," Tilliss said.

"SafeSpace is truly thankful for the ongoing generous support of the Harbour Ridge community," SafeSpace CEO, Teresa Albizu, said. "Federal and state grants cover only about 50% of agency expenses so we are very grateful that the annual Harbour Ridge benefits have helped us to help thousands of victims and their children in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties."

For more information about SafeSpace, visit www.safespacefl.org or call 772-223-2399. Founded in 1979, it is the only state certified domestic violence agency serving the Treasure Coast. All services are free of charge. Hotline help is available 24/7 at 772-288-7023.

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