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### **CHARITY CASINO NIGHT WAS A WIN-WIN FOR ATTENDEES**

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (April 17, 2023) – Charity Casino Night proved to be a resounding success, as attendees gathered for an evening of casino-style games and philanthropy, raising an impressive \$28,000 in support of Gulfside Hospice.

Held on Friday, April 12, the fundraiser transformed the Spartan Manor into a vibrant gaming hub, offering guests the opportunity to try their luck at various casino games including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Poker, and Texas Hold ‘em, all without the risk of losing real money. Participants indulged in the thrill of the games, knowing that their contributions were making a meaningful difference in the community.

The event also featured activities such as Restaurant Roulette, a 50/50 drawing, and a lottery tree, adding to the anticipation and excitement of the evening. Guests captured lasting memories at the photo booth while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a free drink from the cash bar.

“It was a great night, filled with games, dancing, and prizes. Everyone went home feeling like a winner because they knew that every dollar raised was going towards patient care and bereavement services for the families that Gulfside serves,” said Marissa Hartley, Gulfside Hospice’s Fundraising and Event Planning Manager.

With more than 600 patients and families benefiting from Gulfside Hospice’s care every day, the funds raised will directly support patient care and bereavement services in Pasco County, ensuring that individuals facing end-of-life challenges receive the compassionate care they deserve.

The event would not have been possible without the generous support of sponsors and volunteers, whose dedication and commitment helped make Charity Casino Night a memorable and impactful occasion.

Event sponsors included: Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home and Cremation Services, JAN-PRO of Tampa Bay, Life Care Center of New Port Richey, Morton Plant North Bay Hospital, Mutual of America, Right at Home, Rite Technology, A1 Southern Plumbing, Achieva Credit Union, AON, Christian Brothers Automotive – Land O’ Lakes, Comfort Airz, Continental Plumbing, Deliver-Care~~RX~~,

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For more information about Gulfside Hospice and future fundraising events, please visit [www.gulfside.org/community-events](http://www.gulfside.org/community-events).

**About Gulfside Healthcare Services:**

Gulfside Healthcare Services is a non-profit organization serving the community for more than 30 years. Its three lines of business include Gulfside Hospice, offering care for patients at end of life, Gulfside Palliative Care, providing treatment options for those with chronic illness, and Gulfside Home Health, helping patients stay independent through skilled nursing and rehab at home. For more information about Gulfside Healthcare Services, visit [www.Gulfside.org](http://www.Gulfside.org) or call 800-561-4883.

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Photo 1: Crowds gathered around game tables to play their favorite casino games. Everyone is a winner when raising money for Hospice

Photo 2: Game dealer at the Gulfside Charity Casino Night grins as luck turns in players' favor, sparking celebration across the floor.