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BAY AREA BASSMASTERS MAKE RECORD DONATION TO GULFSIDE HOSPICE

LAND O' LAKES, Fla. (May 23, 2023) – The Bay Area Bassmasters, the largest B.A.S.S. Nation fishing club in Florida, presented a record-breaking collection of donations totaling \$12,710.69 to support Gulfside Hospice patients and families.

The funds were raised through the group's annual Ina Mahoney Hospice Challenge, which was created in 2009 to celebrate the life of former member Ina Mahoney and to support Gulfside Hospice in gratitude for the care she received. With this year's donations, the club has now raised nearly \$65,000 in support of Gulfside Hospice.

Members of the fishing club raise funds throughout the year by donating \$1 for every pound of fish they catch during their tournament season and by participating at their annual fundraiser and awards ceremony. Club leaders Tom Mahoney, Tom Craigshead, Pamela Hardy, and Carol Mahoney work tirelessly yearlong to secure amazing raffle prizes for the awards celebration. In addition, many club members also reel in funds for Gulfside Hospice by making personal donations.

The donated funds will be used to help provide hospice care to patients in need, ensuring that no patient is turned away because of an inability to pay. Funds will also be used for Gulfside's family bereavement program, which provides grief counseling and support groups at no cost to those in the community dealing with loss. For more information about donating to Gulfside or their services, call 800-561-4883 or visit www.Gulfside.org.

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 or call 800-561-4883.

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- Photo 1: Tom Mahoney (right) and Tom Craigshead (left) present the Bay Area Bassmasters annual donation to Carla Armstrong, director of philanthropy at Gulfside Hospice.



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