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# Michelle & Michael HAGERTY

named as Presenting Sponsors for Place of Hope's Ninth Annual Hope Bash Boca



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Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus is thrilled to be hosting **Harvest**, their Ninth Annual **Hope Bash Boca**, on Saturday, November 5, at Boca West Country Club. This Napa Valley-inspired gala and dinner will feature live music, dancing, and the very best auction in South Florida! Place of Hope will be celebrating its ninth year of serving children, youth, and families in Boca Raton and their ranking of number one in the nation and in Florida for youth development, shelter, and crisis services in 2021 by Charity Navigator.

This year's Presenting Sponsors are Royal Palm residents Michelle and Michael Hagerty. "We are so thrilled to support Place of Hope and its mission. We find no greater joy than helping those within our community. Helping others is the secret sauce that keeps my heart going," says Michelle. As presenting sponsors, they will also provide a scholarship opportunity to an outstanding youth within the program who lives at Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus.

This year's event chairs are Mary Donnell and Wendy Sadusky, who both serve Place of Hope as members of their Angel Mom Leadership Advisory Board. When asked to serve, they enthusiastically jumped at the chance to work together and lead a robust and growing host committee to plan and execute another exciting signature fundraising event for the organization. Wendy recently shared why she is involved with Place of Hope.

"I was introduced to Place of Hope several years ago at an Angel Mom Brunch where Leigh Anne Tuohy from the movie *The Blind Side* spoke. I was so impressed by this nonprofit right from the start. I served in a limited capacity for a couple of years because of family commitments, as we have all experienced. It wasn't until my youngest sister passed away three years ago that I truly came to understand what Place of Hope was all about. It was then that her 15-year-old son's upbringing became the responsibility of my husband and me. My nephew could have very easily been in search of a home and an upbringing in those very formative years. I saw Place of Hope after that from a different perspective as a place where I would want my child or my relative to be if circumstances left them up to the foster system or perhaps homeless. The knowledge, compassion, faith, respect, boundaries, guidance, and mentoring of the kids at Place of Hope is just beyond compare. We can make a difference in the lives of children right here, in front of us, in our own community. I am beyond thrilled to serve as event co-chair for this year's Hope Bash Boca with my



Event Chairs Mary Donnell and Wendy Sadusky

dear friend, Mary Donnell. It is a source of joy and blessed friendships for me to use my time, talents, and treasure to serve with such an amazing group of leaders and volunteers at Place of Hope."

Place of Hope will be celebrating being a part of the Boca Raton community for 10 years in 2023, and this event will serve as a kick-off to begin celebrating the many lives that have been changed through the organization. This signature event is the single largest fundraiser that helps raise support and provides affordable housing and comprehensive wrap-around services for children and youth who live at the campus. Event Co-Chair Mary Donnell shared, "**I'm honored and excited to serve as event co-chair with my dear friend, Wendy Sadusky, for the upcoming Hope Bash Boca. When I first visited Place of Hope, I knew it was a very special place. Over the past five years, I've truly been amazed at the impact Place of Hope has made in our community due to its outstanding leadership and incredible support. Its mission of providing a loving and stable family environment to children, young adults, and families who are hurting in our community speaks to me personally. Witnessing many amazing stories of young adults who have successfully completed high school and college gives me hope for the future. We hope you can join us for the Boca Bash on November 5, 2022!**"

If you would like to be a part of this event or take a tour of the campus to learn more, please contact Lisa McDulin, director of advancement, at [lisam@placeofhoperinker.org](mailto:lisam@placeofhoperinker.org) or **561-601-7244**.