

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY GALA

Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope (CAHH) hosted the 2023 *Dance the Night Away Gala* at the Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach. Presented by **The West Palm Beach Fred Astaire Studio**, 12 local celebrities laced up their dancing shoes to raise funds for needy qualified families dealing with cancer while undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiation. Chairs of this electrifying and successful event were **Janet Levy** and **Farley Rentschler**, along with Honorary Chairs **Max and Joseph McNamara**.

CAHH gathered the top dancers for Palm Beach County's celebrity dance-off for the third year in a row. Twelve local non-professional ballroom dancers took private dance lessons from the Fred Astaire Studio to prepare for the competition that took center stage in front of a sold-out crowd. The audience went wild after each performance, and the judges applauded their efforts and routines as impressive, dramatic, and entertaining.

Louis van Amstel, National Champion and professional dancer from the acclaimed TV show *Dancing with the Stars*, served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. The three celebrity judges included **Cathy Rigby**, Actress and Olympic Gymnast; **Lorenzo Borghese**, an Italian American businessman, and television personality; and **Artem Chigvintsev**, a professional dancer who was the season 29 *Mirrorball* winner on *Dancing with the Stars* as well as an Emmy nominee for this choreography on the show.

After cocktails, guests enjoyed the *Dance Competition* followed by a stunning performance by International Ballroom Dancers **Craig Smith** and **Andrea Harvey**.

The Palm Beach County Celebrity Dancers that competed for Cancer Alliance's 2023 Top Female and Male Dancer in the *Dance the Night Away Dance Competition* included female dancers: **Diane Avonda**, **Victoria Herbert**, **Kerrie Lance**, **Gillian Lieberman**, **Kristina Olsen Madden**, **Gina Sabean**, and **Katherine Sheneman**. The male contestants included **Terry Duffy**, **Kyle Lucks**, **Joseph McNamara**, **Rick Rose**, and **Bruce Sutka**.

The CAHH 2023 Top Female Dancer was Real Estate Agent **Gillian Lieberman**, and Top Male Dancer was Business Executive and Honorary Chair of the event **Joseph McNamara**. Philanthropist **Kerrie Lance** was awarded the *People's Choice Award* — receiving the most votes and raising the most money before and during the event.

"We are so grateful to everyone who supported the 2023 *Dance the Night Away* event," said **Stanton Collemer**, CEO of CAHH. "Each dollar we raise is precious. It helps us to achieve our goal of providing emergency financial assistance to help cancer patients pay their non-medical expenses while they are undergoing treatment. This assistance will, in many cases, prevent homelessness. The cost of cancer treatment is so formidable that it can deplete all family resources needed to cover fundamental expenses such as rent, utilities, food, transportation, pet care and insurance."

Collemer adds, "Thanks to our generous supporters, we have been able to serve 1,200 individuals each year and disbursed over \$6 million in the past 18 years. With the continued help of our community, we look forward to a bright future, allowing us to expand our services and serve more people in dire need."

For more information about Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope visit CAHH.org.



FIRST ROW: Mark and Janet Levy; Holly Holden and Farley Rentschler; Louis van Amstel, Lorenzo Borghese, Cathy Rigby and Artem Chigvintsev; Andriy Panasenko and Kerrie Lance; Gillian Lieberman and Maksim Sharkov;
SECOND ROW: Gina Sabean and Andriy Panasenko; Stephen Rallison and Kristen Desmond Iefevre; Kristina Olsen Madden and Andriy Panasenko; Maksim Sharkov and Diane Avonda; Maksim Sharkov and Katherine Sheneman;
THIRD ROW: Rick Rose and Yuliya Ishchak; Victoria Anderson and Kyle Lucks; Yuliya Ishchak and Bruce Sutka; Yuliya Ishchak and Terry Duffy; Yuliya Ishchak and Joseph McNamara. PHOTOS: CAPEHART