

'A Taste For Hope' Beverages, Auction Benefit VNA Healthcare's Hospice Program

VNA Healthcare's annual "A Taste for Hope," which benefits the organization's hospice program, was Thursday night at the Town & County Club in Hartford.

"The greatest thing about my job is I get to ensure that people get the kind of care they need, by us living our mission," said **Ellen Rothberg**, president and CEO of VNA Healthcare. "There but for the grace of God go I."

Guests perused auction items while enjoying wine, spirits and microbrews by Wine Cellars 4 (all with a percentage of sales donated to hospice).

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us to bring a lot of different people together who care about VNA, who are connected to VNA in a lot of different ways," said **Bob Nolan**, vice president of development. "And really celebrate the work that's done in our hospice program."



Among the 200 guests were **Tara Green**, VNA Healthcare director of hospice; **Avery Gaddis**, board member; **Joshua Russman**, nurse liaison for the hospice team; **Jim Fox**, supervisor for social work for hospice; and **Stacey DiPiazza**, event chair.

"This is a fantastic organization. I'm honored to be a part of it," Russman said.

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SEVERAL PLANNING committee members, above; Bob Nolan, left photo, vice president of development at VNA Healthcare; and Avery Gaddis, board member, attended "A Taste for Hope" at the Town & County Club in Hartford. The event benefits the Hospice Program of VNA Healthcare.