

Vie for the Kids Partners with Chefs for a Cure

December 4, 2020 – Vie for the Kids, Inc. and Chefs for a Cure joined forces to host a virtual dinner gala to raise money for pediatric cancer research and to honor Michael Isakoff, M.D., Clinical Director, Center for Cancer and Blood Disorder at Connecticut Children's. Food and beverages were prepared and provided by some of the most renowned chefs and business owners in the region, including:

Tyler Anderson – Millwright's, Simsbury, CT Craig Hutchinson – Olmo, New Haven, CT Jeff Lizotte – Present Company, Tariffville, CT Jason Sobocinski – Black Hog Brewing, Oxford, CT Bill Taibe – Kawa Ni, Westport, CT

All dinner guests received three courses, dessert and beverages before the scheduled start time and then joined the virtual dinner via video conference. Local radio personality Renee DiNino from The River 105.9FM served as host for the evening and she was joined by Jillian Duffy, Miss Connecticut and musical guest, Abby Smith.

"The pandemic has dramatically impacted fundraising activities this year, but kids fighting cancer still need our help, so we challenged ourselves to be more creative about events," said Paul Shapiro, President of Vie for the Kids. "The chefs were incredibly supportive and they prepared a wonderful meal for our guests. The interaction with Renee, Jillian and Abby worked out really well and we were thrilled to honor Dr. Mike who has served as an inspiration to all of us at Vie for the Kids."

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