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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MORRISTOWN MEDICAL CENTER RAISED \$100,000 FOR WOMEN'S CANCER CENTER AT GARDEN STATE OF MIND WEEKEND EVENTS

MORRISTOWN, NJ, June 15, 2016 – The Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center (WAMMC) announced it raised \$100,000 at its Garden State of Mind Weekend events held on June 10 and 11, 2016. The funds raised will benefit the Women's Cancer Center at Morristown Medical Center.

The dual-event fundraiser began on Friday, June 10 with a "Farm to Table Supper" hosted at Fairfield Farm, an historic estate in the Somerset Hills, and home to Katie and Don Dahler. Mr. Dahler is a correspondent for CBS News, an award-winning journalist and author. More than 250 guests enjoyed an outdoor dining experience featuring seasonal, local food prepared by New Jersey's most notable chefs, paired with a selection of fine wines.

Corey Heyer, Executive Chef of The Bernards Inn in Bernardsville served as Culinary Director and led the consortium of local chefs, including:

- Ryan DePersio of Fascino in Montclair and Battello, Nico Kitchen & Bar and The Kitchen Step all located in Jersey City
- James Laird of Serenade in Chatham
- Craig Polignano of The Ryland Inn in Whitehouse
- Kevin Sippel of Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen in Morristown

Spirits were provided by Claremont Distillery, and the elegant setting was accessorized by the Garden Cottage of Morristown, with flowers by Jerry Rose Floral & Event Design of Maplewood.

On Saturday, June 11, WAMMC's "Secret Garden Tour" offered guests an opportunity to visit four of Morris County's most beautiful properties designed by the area's top landscape architects, including:

- Back to Nature Home & Garden of Oldwick
- Susan Cohan Gardens LLC of Chatham
- Country Nursery of Mendham
- Davies Associates Landscape Architects LLC of Parsippany
- Larkspur & Thyme of Mendham

The Secret Gardens, Lee Hill Farm, Hartley Farms, Picatinny and Sycamore Farm located in New Vernon and Morristown, were visited by more than 200 guests who also enjoyed a lunch prepared by David Ellis Events. Visitors also had the opportunity to shop in nine "Bloomin Boutiques" decorated by Karen Waldron of Classic Home and Garden of Far Hills and featuring unique designer and garden-related items, all located at the tour departure point at 475 South Street.

"We are proud to support Morristown Medical Center's ongoing efforts to advance women's health in the fight against cancer, and equally proud of all of our volunteers who helped make this fundraiser in support of this worthwhile cause a great success," said Mary Courtemanche, President, Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center.

"We are grateful to the Women's Association for their ongoing support of the Women's Cancer Center at Morristown Medical Center," said Dr. Daniel Tobias, Director of Gynecologic Oncology, Morristown Medical Center. "Their generous pledge will benefit four key areas at our Cancer Center as we continue to focus our efforts on superior cancer diagnosis, treatment and survivorship."

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MORRISTOWN MEDICAL CENTER

Founded in March 1893 to provide financial support to Morristown Medical Center, part of the Atlantic Health System, the Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center (WAMMC) helps enable the hospital to respond to the changing healthcare needs of the community. With a volunteer base of over 700 members, WAMMC orchestrates and hosts a number of high-quality fundraising events, anchored by the Association's flagship event, Mansion in May – a designer show house open to the public every other year. WAMMC also operates several free-standing, revenue-producing entities, including the hospital's gift shops and The Bargain Box Thrift Boutique. WAMMC, one of the largest contributors to the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center, is an integral part of the hospital's ability to continue bringing cutting-edge technology and superior health care services to the community, and has raised nearly \$25 million to date in support of this mission. For more information about WAMMC, visit www.wammc.org.



Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center Farm to Table Supper Event
L to R: Don Dahler, Katie Dahler, Mary Courtemanche, Dr. Daniel Tobias, Event Co-Chairs,
Linda Kearns, Wendy Barisonek, Nancy Gallagher.



Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center Farm to Table Supper
L to R: Executive Chefs – Ryan DePersio, James Laird, Corey Heyer, Kevin Sippel, Craig Polignano.



Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center Secret Garden Tour
L to R: Katie Nolle, event Co-Chair, Mary Courtemanche, Lisa Naturman, event Co-Chair.



Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center Secret Garden Tour
L to R: Bruce Davies of Davies Associates Landscape Architects, Gail Decker, WAMMC
Volunteer, Sean Sweeney of Davies Associates Landscape Architects.

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