

# FOX VALLEY HANDS OF HOPE PRESENTS 20TH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

More than 800 expected for May 25 luncheon, auction and showcase extravaganza benefiting Fox Valley's premier bereavement support organization

Fox Valley Hands of Hope announces its 20th Annual Garden Party, featuring silent and live auctions, stunning showcase raffles, entertainment and a full luncheon, will be held Friday, May 25, at The Q Center in St Charles, Illinois.

Garden Party, considered the "kickoff" to the summer season in the Fox Valley, will be emceed this year by St. Charles Mayor Ray Rogina and will feature entertainment by singer Riley Elmore from Season 11 of "The Voice" on NBC.



Garden Party's marquee raffle showcases will include weekend getaways, fully furnished patios and gardens, a complete home office, an "instant" wine cellar, dining tours, children's rooms and much more. Plus, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a bevy of live and silent auction items, including premier concert tickets (Elton John and Billy Joel), premier golfing, museum trips, and dream vacations.

Tickets cost \$70 per person and may be purchased, starting April 18, either online at [www.fvhh.net](http://www.fvhh.net) or by calling the organization at 630-232-2233.

"Last year's Garden Party treated hundreds of attendees to breathtaking showcases for lucky raffle winners, a live auction and more – and this year's event is going to be even more spectacular," said Greg Weider, Executive Director.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope provides critical support services to adults, children and families experiencing grief and loss. In 2017, FVHH served nearly 1,400 men, women and children with volunteer-driven support services and more than a dozen support groups, including school-based programs. All services are provided free of charge to the community.

The Garden Party is FVHH's largest annual fundraising event.

Area businesses and organizations are lining up to sponsor the 2018 Garden Party, and are led by the The Hoffer Foundation, EFS Foundation, Batavia Enterprises Inc. and Miscella Real Estate. A range of sponsorship packages and benefits are still available; for information, please contact Gayle Deja-Schultz at 630-232-2233, x221, [gayled@fvhh.net](mailto:gayled@fvhh.net)

Fox Valley Hands of Hope works to enhance the quality of life and to provide hope to those experiencing grief or life-threatening illnesses. The organization's staff and trained volunteers continuously provide unsurpassed support to those needing hope and compassionate care. Originally founded in 1981 as Fox Valley Hospice, Fox Valley Hands of Hope remains dedicated to providing practical, spiritual and emotional support to individuals and families who are dealing with loss of life or a life-threatening illness. FVHH is supported entirely by the community, and all services are available without charge. #GiveMoreHope

For more information, visit [www.fvhh.net](http://www.fvhh.net)

**PHOTO:** Crowds tour the Raffle Showcases at the Fox Valley Hands of Hope Garden Party. This year's extravaganza is set for May 25 at The Q Center in St Charles. (Image: Fox Valley Hands of Hope)