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Bite Me Cancer Raises \$55,000 Dollars at its Third Annual "Cancerversary" Dinner

FAIRFAX, Va. – May 5, 2016 - Bite Me Cancer, a national nonprofit based in Fairfax, VA, that supports teenagers with all cancers and funds thyroid cancer research, raised \$55,000 at its third annual "Cancerversary" Dinner, the foundation announced today.

150 people attended the event on April 23 at the Tower Club in Tysons Corner, VA, which was held to celebrate life with cancer survivors and their families, honor those who have been lost to cancer as well as to mark the sixth "Cancerversary" of the foundation's founder, Nikki Ferraro.

Ferraro was diagnosed with a rare form of thyroid cancer in 2010 when she was 17 years old and started raising money for cancer research just weeks later, even before her major surgery. Funds raised at the Cancerversary Dinner primarily will be used to support the Bite Me Cancer's Teen Cancer Support Bag Program.

"I am overwhelmed by the growth and success of our dinner this year, growing attendance by 50% and having our revenue increase by 400 percent! What began as a dinner celebration for my fourth cancerversary celebration in 2014, has blossomed into our major annual fundraiser." says Nikki.

This year for the first time, Bite Me Cancer had table sponsors with companies such as Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP; Bluestone Capital Partners; American Systems; Training Solutions; Addx Corporation; Merrill Lynch; Squire Patten Bogs; Suntiva, LLC; Gov Place; Talent Sync, LLC, and more.

While Bite Me Cancer raises funds for thyroid cancer research, an equally important goal is to provide support, encouragement and inspiration for teenagers who have been diagnosed with all cancers, primarily through the Teen Support Bag project, which has served teenagers in 29 states and DC at over 70 hospitals.

Each support bag, designed specifically for teen patients, includes a stress ball, a journal, Bite Me Cancer baseball cap, a water bottle, an iTunes gift card, a USB drive, a game book, playing cards and a Bite Me Cancer car magnet. 1,200 teen cancer patients received the bags in 2015, and over 2,400 teens with cancer have received the bags since the program started in mid-2012.

Bill Hoover, Bobbie Kilberg, Ken Bartee, and Nikki Ferraro sat on the host committee for the fundraiser.



More than 35 cancer survivors who attended the dinner joined Ferraro at the conclusion of the event to cut a large "Cancerversary" cake.

Bite Me Cancer, headquartered in Fairfax, Va., is run entirely by volunteers. To learn more about Bite Me Cancer to or find out how you can contribute your time or money to support the foundation, please visit www.bitemecancer.org.

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