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Collabria Care Annual Gala Goes Virtual
“Bubbling Over” Auctions and Festivities Open to All September 4 – 14

Collabria Care will host its annual gala and auction virtually this year, with online events scheduled from September 4 – 14 to support the nonprofit organization’s community-based programs—palliative care and hospice services, and serious illness and Alzheimer’s services.

The festivities for “Bubbling Over” begin on Friday, September 4, with the opening of the online auction, a collection of unique dinner experiences, premier wines, and other special offerings. This auction closes on Monday, September 14.

On Friday evening, September 11, the gala event goes live online. Community members are invited to join the festivities, which will include a live auction of one-of-a-kind experiences and rare wines, a musical performance by Grammy Award winning artist, Colbie Caillat, and a special tribute to pioneering woman winemaker Eileen Crane, Founding Winemaker of Domaine Carneros. The evening’s hosts are Emmy Award winners Leslie Frank and John Curley.

There is no fee to register for any of the events, but no gala is complete without food and wine, so Collabria Care has arranged two options for attendees to enjoy while participating in the evening’s virtual festivities. Bubble Baskets, which feature Domaine Carneros sparkling wine, Trinchero Napa Valley Forte red wine and other wonderful wine country delicacies, will be available for \$125 with complimentary local delivery. The three-course Gourmet Feast prepared by Tre Posti Chef Nash Cognetti will be available for pickup in Napa or St. Helena on September 11, complete with reheating instructions for guests to enjoy their meal during the festivities, and is available for \$125 per person.

“For 40 years, Collabria Care has provided compassionate care and been a resource for patients and their loved ones as they face the challenges of serious illness—24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year,” says executive director Celine Regalia. “We’ve cared for the Napa Valley community through wildfires, earthquakes, and now COVID-19. But in a strange twist, in a time that finds us more separated than ever from each other, we’ve been given the opportunity to bring more people together in celebration, in compassion, and to help us continue to meet the growing need in our community for these services.”

Gala Chair Lynne Hobaugh, and her volunteer committee are overseeing every detail of the event. “Collabria Care holds a special place in my heart as it does for so many others. I’d like to thank the community for their continued support and welcome you all to join us for our virtual “Bubbling Over” gala!” says Hobaugh. The annual benefit gala is the single largest fundraising event the nonprofit agency holds, and this year, proceeds will provide critical funds for palliative and hospice services, expanded community-based grief support services, the Collabria Day Program and its *Center without Walls* program, and paratransit bus services for Day Program participants.

For more information, visit gala.collabriacare.org.

Collabria Care is the leading center for community-based care and resources in the North Bay for those facing transitions of aging, Alzheimer's disease and other serious illness, or the end of life. Each year, Collabria Care touches more than 4,500 lives through patient care, caregiver support, day programs, community support groups and bereavement services.

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Honorary Chair for Collabria Care’s 14th Annual Gala, Eileen Crane.