

## Cocktails and Conversation in Barrington Helps Spread the Word About The HAP Foundation

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Cocktails and Conversation was held on June 15, 2023 at the Barrington White House in Barrington, IL. Lynda Bollman, Melissa Buckley, and Kim Duchossois co-chaired the cocktail event so community members could learn more about The HAP Foundation.

Attendees included a mixture of people from HAP Board of Trustees members to residents of the community who wanted to know more about the Foundation. One of those residents was familiar with the legacy foundation, but she wanted to learn more about The HAP Foundation and its work. Another couple attended the event to learn more about hospice and health care options for their aging family members.

The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization developed to support both children and adults living with serious illness and their families. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, the foundation currently focuses on creating access to quality care by educating communities on serious illness, hospice, palliative care, and grief; advancing policies that assist patients and families during end of life; strengthening the public health workforce by investing in essential fields and conducting impactful research on end-of-life care in underserved areas.



*HAP President Joseph Matty speaks to guests with co-hosts Melissa Buckley, Lynda Bollman, Chairman of the Board, and Kim Duchossois, Board of Trustee.*



*Carol Nelson, Board of Trustee, and Sam Oliver, Lifetime Trustee, listen while guests learn about The HAP Foundation.*

Joseph Matty, President of The HAP Foundation, greeted the attendees midway through the event. Matty began by sharing the unfortunate news about the passing of Dr. Bruce Carlson, a long-time HAP board member and an instrumental member of the local medical community. Matty and Dee Beaubien, a HAP lifetime trustee, shared kind words and memories about Dr. Carlson and his many contributions toward The HAP Foundation, the medical community, and the hospice and palliative care fields.



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After the group honored Dr. Carlson with a moment of silence, Matty spoke about The HAP Foundation and its mission, “Our foundation’s purpose is to stay committed to the community. HAP does this by focusing on our four pillars, which include education, workforce development, advocacy, and pediatrics, while we also remain true to the legacy of the foundation. The HAP Foundation connects community members facing serious illness with the tools and resources they need.”

Matty addressed the audience’s questions. Some wanted to know more about insurance coverage for hospice and palliative care. Others wanted to know how and when hospice is recommended and if patients can choose their care provider. After all the questions were answered, one of the attendees said he had learned valuable information about hospice and palliative care by the many conversations he’d shared with those in attendance.

Kim Duchossois, co-chair of the event and HAP board member since 2016, spoke about the event, “I’m happy the legacy of hospice and palliative care is carrying on, and I’m glad to host events like these that support The HAP Foundation and its mission.” Duchossois, a devoted foundation advocate, recently gifted The HAP Foundation with \$500,000 to expand adult palliative care programming for clinical education [training](#).

Please stay tuned for future events where you can learn more about The HAP Foundation and its meaningful work. To help support our foundation’s mission, please donate [here](#).

