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### **Vivie, Chris O’Sullivan Honored by Houston’s Philanthropic Elite *Community Spirit Award Dinner Raises \$300,000 for Houston Hospice***

HOUSTON (Oct. 28, 2024) – Jenny Kempner and Isabel Lummis brought together Houston’s most prominent leaders and philanthropists last week to celebrate Vivie and Chris O’Sullivan with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Spirit Award. The dinner raised more than \$300,000 for Houston Hospice.

“... it takes a village and I’m so grateful to be a part of this village,” said Vivie O’Sullivan. “We go above and beyond because we care and want to do what we can to help others.”



*Pictured from left to right: Vivie and Chris O’Sullivan, Isabel Lummis and Jenny Kempner*

The O’Sullivans’ reputation as “givers” far precedes them and their generosity is felt by many organizations throughout the greater Houston area, as was evident by the video tribute.

“The transparency with which Vivie and Chris navigate and respond to our shared human condition, our joys and our sorrows, is an ongoing gift,” said Chris Knapp, honorary event chair and Vivie’s brother.

The evening’s festivities were chaired by Jenny Kempner and Isabel Lummis, with honorary chairs Chris Knapp and Liz Winslow. The O’Sullivans were honored by more than 270 guests at the River Oaks Country Club in support of community-based nonprofit, Houston Hospice, which has provided quality, end-of-life care to generations of families in Southeast Texas for more than 40 years.

“Tonight, we celebrate the deep roots Vivie and Chris have in Houston and in the community,” said Jim Reeder, event emcee and advisory board member of Houston Hospice. “Houston Hospice is so proud to be among the causes they so passionately support.”

The O’Sullivans were presented with an engraved Baccarat vase followed by a standing ovation. Guests were greeted at the event with fall floral arrangements generously donated by H-E-B and sounds from Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music students.

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**About Houston Hospice**

Founded in 1980, Houston Hospice is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality, end-of-life care to patients and their families throughout 13 counties in Southeast Texas. We offer an interdisciplinary team-led approach that includes physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers, hospice aides, bereavement counselors and volunteers. We provide the appropriate level of comfort care in a setting the patient calls home or in our freestanding inpatient unit. Our holistic view of hospice care is enhanced by the extensive knowledge and expertise of our staff, specialized educational opportunities and community outreach efforts. Houston Hospice is a member of the Texas Medical Center. For more information, visit: [houstonhospice.org](http://houstonhospice.org).