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VNA FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER DRAWS RECORD CROWD, RAISES MORE THAN \$80,000

Syracuse, New York - More than 300 friends of the VNA Foundation of Central New York gathered at the breathtaking Owerá Vineyards in Cazenovia on Sunday, October 1 for the Foundation's annual fall fundraiser, Raise a Glass.

Guests enjoyed a silent auction and gift basket raffles, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments catered by Owerá's Brick Oven Café, wine, hard cider and beer tastings from local cideries and breweries, and a performance by SUNY Geneseo dance team Gajda Bhanga.

The event raised more than \$80,000 in support of the Foundation's mission to support and promote the provision of pediatric home health care services in the Central New York region.

Major sponsors included: KeyBank; The Hayner Hoyt Corporation; Siemens Industry, Inc.; Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; Gilroy, Kernan & Gilroy; Northland Communications; and TERACAI.

The event was the first held under VNA Homecare's new name and brand, Nascentia Health, which launched on September 15.

"Held just weeks after the introduction of our new name, this event offered the perfect opportunity to reinforce the reasoning behind the rebranding and reiterate our continued commitment to providing exceptional care," said President and CEO Kate Rolf. "We are so appreciative of the outstanding support shown by our sponsors and guests, and it was an honor to celebrate our next step as a healthcare system with each of them."

For more information about the VNA Foundation or the Raise a Glass fundraising event, please contact Aida Byrne, Vice President of Corporate Development, at 315.477.9301 or abyrne@477home.org.

About the VNA Foundation: The VNA Foundation of Central New York is one of two foundations that are a division of Nascentia Health. The Foundation's mission is to support and promote the provision of pediatric home health care services to children throughout the Central New York region. It also serves to foster the education and development of professional and paraprofessional home health care practitioners, ensuring the availability of qualified caregivers well into the future.

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