



Celebrating 20 Years
Providing Strength & Support for those Living with Cancer

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**Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation Named Presenting "Legacy of Hope" Partner
of Wellness House of Annapolis' 2026 Great Fall Fundraiser
Celebrating 20 Years**

ANNAPOLIS, MD — October 5, 2026 — Wellness House of Annapolis is proud to announce that the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation has been named Presenting "Legacy of Hope" Partner of its 2026 Great Fall Fundraiser. The Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation's leadership gift comes as Wellness House marks 20 years of providing strength and support to people living with cancer, so that no one faces cancer alone.

The Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation's sponsorship helps sustain Wellness House's free mental health and therapeutic programs and services. These include support groups, counseling, wellness programs, and educational opportunities for adults, children, and families affected by cancer. Every program is offered at no cost to individuals and families navigating a cancer diagnosis.

"We are tremendously grateful to the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation for engaging in this significant level of support to accommodate the tremendous growth of our membership, tripling over the past decade," said Mary Jermann, President and CEO of Wellness House of Annapolis.

"Our Foundation is honored to serve as the Presenting 'Legacy of Hope' Partner for the Great Fall Fundraiser and to support an organization whose work brings people together, restores hope, and demonstrates the power of community," said Brian Giese, Co-Founder, Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation.

Celebrate at the Great Fall Fundraiser—Cheers to 20 Years!

The Great Fall Fundraiser will take place on October 30 at the Fluegel Alumni Center at the U.S. Naval Academy. Some 200 guests will gather to celebrate Wellness House's 20th anniversary and the people who have found a welcoming haven of support and strength there.

JoAnn DeCesaris serves as Honorary Chair, and Jane Torano will be recognized as Compassion Volunteer of the Year. Guests will enjoy food and drink from Main & Market, incredible silent auction items, a paddle raise, and entertainment by DJ Michael K. Wellness House members will also share powerful stories of hope and resilience.

A milestone worth celebrating. A mission worth supporting.

To purchase a ticket (\$180) or sponsor this event, visit www.annapoliswellnesshouse.org.

[Wellness House of Annapolis](http://www.annapoliswellnesshouse.org)

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About the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation (www.giese.foundation.org)

The Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation was born from something simple and enduring: a shared belief that faith, when lived out with intention, has the power to heal communities, restore hope, and transform lives. Established in 2021 to put God's love into action by bringing people together through community. We invest in people with ideas that change the world.



About Wellness House of Annapolis (www.annapoliswellnesshouse.org)

Wellness House of Annapolis provides strength, support, and connection to people living with cancer and their families—always at no cost. Twenty years ago, Dr. Kelly Sullivan, MD, FACS, founded Wellness House of Annapolis to fill a significant gap in care for families dealing with a devastating cancer diagnosis. The therapeutic offerings have grown to more than 60 programs across five pillars of care, including mental health counseling, therapeutic services, support groups, educational workshops, health and wellness activities, and children and family programs, offered in person and virtually at no cost.

To date, Wellness House has impacted more than 5,600 people over the past 20 years. Its whole-person, whole-family approach recognizes that cancer affects more than the body—it affects the entire family.

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