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11th Annual DaHunt for the Cure Event Raises \$80,000 for Hudson Valley Charities

Sporting clays charity shooting event extends to two days to abide by COVID-19 regulations

MONTGOMERY, NY (September 22, 2020) – When the pandemic struck, DaHunt for the Cure founders Charlie and Diane Medici knew they couldn't move forward as planned with their sporting clays charity shooting event. However, cancelling was out of the question. Instead, the innovative couple pivoted, extending the event to two days to abide by the state's 50-person participation limit. Temperature checks were taken upon arrival, and participants received gaiters to wear.

Their careful planning paid off. The event held on September 17 and 18 at Ten Mile River Preserve in Dover Plains was as successful as it's been in years past. \$80,000 was raised for Hudson Valley nonprofit organizations including:

- GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center
- Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan
- The Sunshine Kids Foundation
- Kids for Kids
- The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie
- Cancer Resource Center of the Hudson Valley

"Diane and I are so proud to have put on this event in these unprecedented, challenging times," said DaHunt for the Cure Founder Charlie Medici. "The unwavering dedication and commitment of event supporters is so appreciated. We look forward to next year and doing it all again!"

DaHunt for the Cure joined the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan's family of funds in 2017.

"With the support of the Community Foundation, the Medici's will be able to give to these important organizations for years to come," said Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan President and CEO Elizabeth Rowley. "Charlie and Diane truly embody our mission of connecting people who care with causes that matter!"

“We are so grateful for the generous support from DaHunt. Their donation of \$25,000 could not have come at a more critical time for us,” said Gigi’s Playhouse Co-President Gwyneth Meeks. “As we reopen our playhouse doors, their donation will allow us to continue to serve our families and community. The therapeutic and educational programs offered by GiGi's Playhouse provide our participants the opportunity to connect, learn and build skills that will empower them for future success.”

DaHunt for the Cure was inspired when the Medici’s nephew, Peter, was diagnosed with leukemia. Peter is now an extremely healthy college graduate in his early 20s and is working for the family business as a project manager. The Medici’s continue to honor his battle and raise money to support all those who are still fighting today.

About the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan (CFOS): Based in Montgomery, NY, the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan connects people who care with causes that matter. Established in 1999, the Foundation helps philanthropic individuals, businesses and organizations establish charitable funds that will award grants and scholarships, for good, *forever*. The Foundation has significantly increased the region’s charitable capital and has empowered donors to make a profound difference in the quality of life in our region. Since its inception, CFOS, with its donors and fund representatives, has awarded more than \$15 million in grants and scholarships. The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan currently administers 322 active charitable funds that represent more than \$34 million in assets to support animal welfare, arts and culture, education, the environment, health and human services, recreation and youth. To learn more, visit cfosny.org.



Photo (from left to right): Chris Schulze, parent of GiGi’s Playhouse participant; MaryBeth Schulze, GiGi’s Playhouse Board Member; Diane Medici, DaHunt for the Cure Founder; Charlie Medici, DaHunt for the Cure Founder; Samantha Schulze, GiGi’s Playhouse Participant; Gwyneth Meeks, GiGi’s Playhouse Co-President

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