



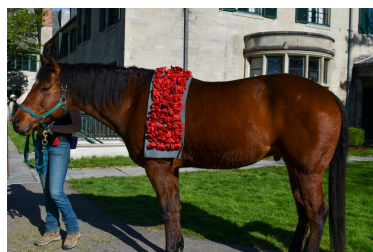
Derby 2022 Wrap Up!

Our 5th Annual Derby Day Soirée was a huge success because of our amazing community! **TOGETHER** we made it to the “Winner’s Circle,” exceeded our goal and raised over **\$305,000** (and counting)!

YOU help heal grieving hearts in our community, and your gifts ensure our peer grief support programs remain **FREE OF CHARGE**, for as long as a family needs!

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at the 2022 Ele’s Place Ann Arbor Derby Day Soirée! Our guests enjoyed a gorgeous, sunny evening filled with entertainment, mission engagement and community support. Thank you to **EVERYONE** who bid on and purchased Silent & Live Auction items, raised their Paddle and donated, and purchased tickets and participated in the Derby Wager Raffle. We are so **GRATEFUL!**

We also want to recognize AND thank **EVERYONE** who helped make our first in person fundraising event since October 2019 happen! So many committed and dedicated people and organizations made up our **VILLAGE** – we could NOT do what we do without our amazing volunteers and supporters!! **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts!



♥ Thank you to all of our **2022 Derby Sponsors and Underwriters** ...YOUR support kicked off our fundraising in grand style!

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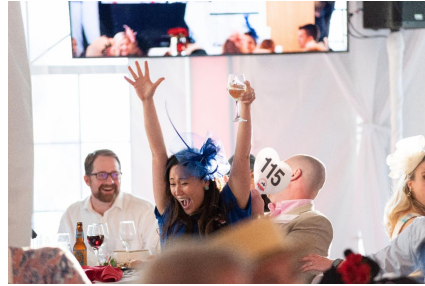
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♥ Thank you to all of our generous and supportive **Derby Auction Donors!** Your Live & Silent Auction donations were spectacular and made for some energetic bidding wars during the Derby event! Thank you ALL!



♥ Thank you pre-Derby volunteers who worked on Derby Planning Committees!! Thank you Auction Committee: **Betsy Baron, Chair, Kathy Brzoznowski, Hallie Jewell, Mishelle Lamarand, Hillary LeVasseur, Kimberly Sanders, Beckley Stover and Eileen Thacker** . Thank you Décor Committee: **Rachel Derry, Marilyn Gileczek, Hanna Hasselschwert, Ann Hollenbeck, Corinne Lenz, Michelle McAllister, Kerry Peterson, Lynne Rademacher, Shirley Randall, Marilyn Shiels and Shelby Unsworth.**

♥♥ Special thanks to **Lynne Rademacher** and her mom, **Marilyn Shiels** for not only making our NEW Derby-inspired table runners for us, but donating the material too!

♥♥ Special thanks to **Kerry Peterson** and her daughter, **Shelby Unsworth** for creatively decorating the FABULOUS bidding boxes for the Derby Wager Raffle!

♥ Thank you to **Kinetico** for donating and **Jennifer McGovern-Schoeff** for delivering 22 cases of water, AND thank you **Two Men & A Truck** for donating the “move” of our Derby event supplies to/from Earhart Manor!

♥ Thank you to **Kris Kerns** of Comerica (Presenting Sponsor), **Donna Roberts** (Former EPA2 Teen), **Francesca Rogers** (EPA2 Volunteer Facilitator) and **Woody Stover** (Ele's Dad & EP Founder) for sharing your hearts and your connection to Ele's Place in our Paddle Ask video.

♥ Thank you to Blue Zebra Marketing Solutions for the amazing graphics & design used in our Derby marketing and promotional pieces! **Marji Wisniewski** we appreciate your creative eye and committed spirit.



♥ Thank you **Tom & Shirley Randall** and **Al & Marilyn Gileczek** for Co-Chairing this year's Derby event and leading the amazing Host Committee! YOU all were wonderful Derby Ambassadors! Thank you: **Amy & Mark Blaufuss, Kathy & Toby Brzoznowski, Megan & Tom Costigan, Heidi & Rob Ewing, Santine & Dave Harlock, Beth & Matt Jakubik, Hallie & Henry Jewell, Kris & Shawn Kerns, Kim & Frank LaMarca, Megan & Kyle Mazurek, Brittany & Ryan Muneio, Tracy Roy &**

Michael Williams, Amy & Michael Spath, Betsy & Woody Stover and Marji & Chris Wisniewski.

♥ Thank you to the Stover Family! **Woody & Betsy Stover**, Ele's mom & dad, and **Hallie Jewell** and **Beckley Stover**, Ele's sisters who joined us at the Derby, AND share Ele's legacy with all of us. Ele makes a positive impact on so many around the State of Michigan every day.



♥ Thank you to **Michele, Mark, Rene, Chef Chris, the entire staff and volunteer student athlete servers** at the Earhart Manor on the Ann Arbor Campus of Concordia University for the hard work it took to set up and prepare the food for the Derby event!

♥ Thank you Elysium Experience for your incredible AV work! **Nicholas Hardy, Erica Mathew, Jim Mathew and Mark White**, we appreciate your technical expertise, and we love it when you're in the house!

♥ Thank you **Chuck Colby** for serving as our Emcee for the 3rd year in a row, you and your talents are so special to all of us!

♥ Thank you **Jim Alban** and **Andy Griffith** for serving as our dynamic Auctioneer team.

♥ Thank you DJ **Nicole Myint** for the music we enjoyed all evening...and for the FUN dance party!



♥ Thank you to the Derby Logistics Committee for making everything run smoothly during the event, including: **Susan Aldworth, Laura Baker, Sherrie Firravich, Allison Gaines, Kathy Gaines, Chair.**

♥ Thank you to every "Day Of" Derby volunteer who helped make the evening a success, including: **Pamela Bebber, Steve Bebber, Rachel Bryant-White, Darlene Chivinsky, Jill Clair, Kathy Clark, Michael Crowley, Tammy Cutsinger, Shelby Dahms, Ellie Day, Brad Ekonen, Heidi Ewing, Brooke Fiske, Emma Grill, Alison Haskel, Ann Hollenbeck, Gail Hullstrung, Rebecca Hullstrung, Susan Kaercher, Tom Kaercher, Hannah Kerns, Katelyn Kerns, Karen Kohn, Mishelle Lamarand, Steve Lambert, Claudia Laroche, Dan Layman, Corrine Lenz, Hillary LeVasseur, Emelia Little, Scott Maly, Michelle McAllister, Sophia McAllister, Kristin Pederson, Kerry Peterson, Steve Popper, Lynne Rademacher, Charles E. Ramsey, Shirley Randall, KaDerrick Robinson, Andrew Roman, Tracey Roy, Alexa Schrock, Tenley Schrzan, Diane Shute, Mary Strolle, Meghan Thiel, Shelby Unsworth, Maureen Whelan and Mike Williams.** We appreciate all of your work setting up, cleaning up, checking guests in and out, selling raffle tickets, attending to the Derby Wager Raffle and Silent Auction tables, handing out goodnight bags and serving at the sweet & savory table.



♥ Thank you to our photographers, **Zac Bodner, Nina Herrst and Joanne Skelly** , for capturing so many special Derby moments that we will enjoy for years to come!

♥ Thank you to **Kara Gehle** and **Sara Kalenkiewicz** of Sunrise Equestrian for sharing your time and your horses with our Derby guests! **Oliver** was a hit and great addition to our Derby ambiance!

♥ Thank you to the **Ele's Place Ann Arbor Community Board** for being great ambassadors, supporters and donors of the Derby Day Soiree, including: **Jeanne Cooper, Michael Crowley, JPaul Dixon, LaSonia Forté, Mike Halpern, Chair, Ann Hollenbeck. Vice Chair, Mishelle Lamarand, Steven Popper, Charles Ramsey, Jackie Silhanek, Betsy Stover, Jessica Stubbs, Eileen Thacker, Lori Thomas, Rosalie Tocco-Bradley and Tracy Wraight.**

♥ Thank you to the **Ele's Place Ann Arbor TEAM!** **Bree Arvai, Stacey Bodner, Hannah Brown, Lindsay Clark, Samantha Gumul, Gail Hullstrung, Susan Kaercher, Karen Kohn, Kris Maly, KaDerrick Robinson, Alexa Schrock and Meghan Thiel,** you are the best! TOGETHER we are BETTER, and once again, we MADE IT HAPPEN!

♥♥ Special thanks to **Stacey Bodner**, the Events Coordinator at Ele's Place Ann Arbor! The Derby event would not happen without the creativity, vision, beauty, class and sheer determination of this very special person.



Save the Date!

**The 6th Annual Ele's Place Ann Arbor Derby Day Soirée
will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023!**

Unable to attend the Derby Day Soirée, but want to support the grieving children and teens Ele's Place Ann Arbor serves? PLEASE click on the button below to make a secure online donation today!

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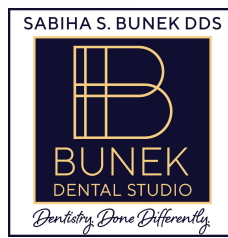
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