Each Moment Matters Luncheon is a success

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The 11th annual Each Moments Matters Luncheon was held on October 16 at the T. Boone Pickens and Palliative Care Center benefiting Faith Presbyterian Hospice Accredited by the National Institute for Jewish Hospice. The theme, "Across the Pond," reflected the luncheon's unique venue, the co-chair's British birthplace and the keynote speaker who flew 25 missions from England to Nazi Germany in WWII.

This year's luncheon recognized 26 individuals throughout the DFW metroplex who demonstrate an extraordinary difference in the lives of others. The list included Julie Genecov Shrell who was honored for her work with Be the Difference Foundation through Wheel to Survive and Lyn Berman for her work with Attitudes and Attire. Berman also received special recognition with the prestigious Don Hodges Joy of Service award.

"Be the Difference is about fighting ovarian cancer, something I experienced, something I am passionate about," said Shrell, co-founder of Be the Difference. "Being honored for doing that, feels amazing."

In addition to the keynote address, the program included history, a WWII flyover, live music and closed with a benediction given by Rabbi Stefan Weinberg who attended in support of Shrell, a member of his congregation, Anshai Torah.

"I was asked to say a few words and it was my pleasure to do so," said Rabbi Weinberg. "Each Moment Matters represent powerful expressions of mankind's best self. In spite of the many challenges and hurdles facing our world the statements made by the many men and women associated with this organization remind each of us how much we need each other."

The programs and services made possible through the Each Moment Matters Luncheon provide for the care of unfunded patients as well as the special programming and clinical services including music therapy, massage therapy, pet therapy, child and family bereavement services and charitable care.

As a faith-based nonprofit, Forefront Living serves people of all faiths and has strong relationships with the Jewish community. Faith Presbyterian Hospice works closely with Jewish Family Service community chaplain, Rabbi Howard Wolk, and other rabbis in the community to serve as a spiritual support for Jewish patients and families.

If you missed the event and still want to participate, the Forefront Living Foundation is having an "Across the Pond" auction and proceeds will benefit Faith Presbyterian Hospice. Visit, one.bidpal.net/eachmomentmatters to view items on auction and place your bid.

For more information about the Faith Presbyterian Hospice, T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center and the work that they do, click here. If you missed the event and would like to watch/wat