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**Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer Raises Nearly \$17,000
at the 5th Annual Fayetteville, NC Golf Tournament & Charity Dinner**

*Golf tournament raises funds for stomach cancer research in support of
Curing Stomach Cancer Month*

Fayetteville, N.C. – (November 19, 2018) – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) hosted the 5th Annual Fayetteville, North Carolina Golf Tournament & Charity Dinner on Nov 3, 2018 at the Gates Four Golf & Country Club. The tournament, which was held in support of Curing Stomach Cancer Month, raised nearly \$16,000 for stomach cancer research. Guests enjoyed various golf competitions, a light lunch, an amazing silent auction, and an award ceremony followed by a delicious dinner.

DDF North Carolina East Chapter Co-Founders Christy and Tony Leonard led this year's tournament along with their committee in spite of Tony's health. Tony, a husband and father of five, is a stomach cancer survivor of more than six years who is currently battling an aggressive stage IV stomach cancer.

"I'm fortunate to have been able to do this event for the fifth year in a row, said Event Co-Chair Tony Leonard. "With everything that I've gone through and that I've seen others with stomach cancer go through, it's become my mission to raise awareness about the disease. I'm going to continue dreaming big for a cure because we can't let this terrible disease win."

Event sponsors included Title Sponsor Lee Hyundai; Platinum Sponsor Merck; Gold Sponsor NCI; and Silver Sponsor DreamSleep. The Susan Haines Reid Scholarship Fund in partnership with DDF presented its inaugural scholarship to North Carolina A&T State University Freshman Justin Hagan. The scholarship was created in memory of Susan Reid, wife, mother of three, and stomach cancer advocate who passed away of stomach cancer in 2015.

For more information about DDF, visit www.DebbiesDream.org.

About Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer

DDF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about gastric cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. DDF seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. Debbie is considered a pioneer by many for bringing awareness to the plight of stomach cancer patients worldwide and the lack of federal funding for stomach cancer research. She achieved all of this while receiving hundreds of rounds of chemotherapy, in addition to daily oral treatments. Debbie passed away on December 23, 2017 at the age of 50, almost a decade later. As a result of her leadership, DDF now has a Scientific and

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Medical Advisory Board, comprised of world-renowned physicians, and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. DDF strives to continue Debbie's mission and make her dream come true. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at www.DebbiesDream.org.



Photo One: Event Co-Chairs Tony and Christy Leonard with their sons Alec, Austin, Aydin, Ashton, and Anthony at the 5th Annual Fayetteville, NC Golf Tournament and Charity Dinner

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