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Bite Me Cancer's 11th Annual Wine Dinner Celebrates \$2 Million Raised Since Founding in 2010

Fairfax County, VA – October 6, 2025 – Bite Me Cancer, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting teenagers battling cancer, celebrated a milestone achievement at its 11th Annual Wine Dinner on September 26. Surrounded by 200 guests, the organization proudly announced that it has surpassed **\$2 million in total fundraising** since its founding in 2010.

The evening itself raised **\$51,000 onsite**, contributing directly to the foundation's **Teen Support Bag program**, which provides comfort and resources to teenagers facing cancer. To date, nearly **14,000 bags** have been distributed across all 50 states and Washington, DC, through a growing network of more than **210 hospitals and nonprofit partners**.

Founder Nikki Ferraro delivered her annual keynote address, highlighting the organization's impact and vision for the future. The event also recognized outstanding contributions from community members:

- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Janet Cunningham
- **Teen Impact Award:** Abigail Kotch, a teen cancer survivor who received a Teen Support Bag during her treatment and was inspired to launch her own school fundraiser, raising more than \$2,200 for Bite Me Cancer.

"This night is a powerful reminder of how one idea can grow into a movement," said **Nikki Ferraro**. "When I was diagnosed, I never imagined we could achieve so much. We're proud to celebrate this \$2 million milestone, but more importantly, we're grateful for the chance to keep making a difference for teens fighting cancer."

The Annual Wine Dinner continues to be the organization's signature fundraising event, bringing together donors, partners, and community members to expand its mission of hope, strength, and support for teenagers with cancer.

About Bite Me Cancer

Founded in 2010 by Nikki Ferraro, then a teen cancer patient herself, Bite Me Cancer's mission is to support teenagers battling all cancers and directly fund thyroid cancer research. Its nationwide Teen Support Bag program has distributed nearly 14,000 bags to teens across all 50 states and DC, providing comfort, inspiration, and essential resources during treatment. Bite Me Cancer also supports teens with cancer by providing free events and free meals to families on the Inova Children's pediatric/oncology floor.

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