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**Subject:** Midsummer Night's Soiree benefits Center for Grieving Children at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre

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On Wednesday, July 12, the Vinegar Hill Music Theatre hosted a Midsummer Night's Soiree, an intimate evening with the Bob Charest Quartet, benefitting the Center for Grieving Children. Over 100 attendees gathered in Arundel for a beautiful evening of cocktails, conversation, and community.

Center board member and WCHS6 News anchor Cindy Williams emceed the evening concert, sharing with guests the Center's 30 year history of support in Southern Maine to children and families experiencing grief and loss.

The Center was provided generous community support by Dempsey Marketing, Kennebunk Beach Realty, Inc., Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, Thomas & Lord, LLC, Maine Magazine, the Bob Charest Quartet, and the Vinegar Hill Music Theatre.

Sarah Dearing, Vinegar Hill Managing Director, shared, "We were so pleased to support the Center for Grieving Children – an outreach, peer support and education program that helps families throughout Maine get through some of the hardest moments in their lives."

To view photos from the evening, please visit Faces Maine on Facebook.

To learn more about the Center, and their upcoming events, please visit them online at [www.cgcmaine.org](http://www.cgcmaine.org).

**ABOUT THE CENTER FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN**—For children and families confronting loss, change, and grief when someone close to them dies or is seriously ill, the Center for Grieving Children is an oasis of loving support where it's safe to talk about feelings and experiences. At no charge, the Center's age-specific peer support groups are available weekly in Portland and Sanford. In partnership with Portland Public Schools, the Center also offers peer support for children resettled locally from countries suffering violent conflict or natural disaster. Additional peer support groups are available for young adults, bereaved parents, and widows/widowers/partners. Community outreach throughout the year brings the Center's training, information, and crisis support to schools, workplaces, and other organizations. Trained volunteers make the Center's services possible. Founded in 1987, the Center today is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and serves more than 4,000 people annually, and depends on funding from individuals, businesses, foundations, and United Way.

**TO LEARN MORE** about the Center for Grieving Children, their calendar of events, and how you can get involved, please visit them online at [www.cgcmaine.org](http://www.cgcmaine.org) or call 207.775.5216. Follow them on Facebook to see highlights from the day's event!