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***SPCC Fundraising Gala to Honor
Local Philanthropist Diane Lebedeff
At this Year's "Gin & Jazz" Gala Event***

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Severna Park, MD, Thursday, January 30, 2025 – The Severna Park Community Center (SPCC) annual fundraising gala will be held on Saturday, April 26th at the Chartwell Golf & Country Club in Severna Park. This year's theme, "*Gin & Jazz*" recalls the flappers and gangsters of the Prohibition Era, the fabulous 1920's, a time when women's roles and mores were redefined, forever changing the social landscape, and the world.



Honoree Diane Lebedeff

Diane Lebedeff, a dedicated philanthropist and champion of the Severna Park Community Center, will be honored at the gala for her outstanding contributions to the center, and the community.

Lebedeff has been a key supporter of the center since 1999, serving on the Board of Directors and spearheading various major fundraising initiatives. Her commitment to the community and unwavering dedication to the center's mission have made a lasting impact on the entire Anne Arundel County community.

"I am thrilled to honor Diane Lebedeff for her incredible service to the community," said gala chair Jean Andrews. "*Gin & Jazz* invites guests to put on their most elegant 1920's attire for a fun and fabulous evening celebrating Diane's remarkable achievements."

Throughout her years of service, Lebedeff has brought numerous projects to fruition and played a vital role in securing funding for essential center upgrades. Her passion for giving back to the community has been an inspiration to all those around her.

Along with serving on the Severna Park Community Center's Board of Directors, Lebedeff has also volunteered for the Maryland Ballet, the Kennedy Center's Ballet Troupe, the Girl Scouts, and most recently, the Live Arts Studio at Annapolis Mall, where she was instrumental in helping to create and build out the studio that now showcases local and national talent.

Severna Park Community Center Executive Director Sarah Elder noted that "this is THE can't miss event of the season, with farm to table dinner, live entertainment, and many 1920's-themed surprises." "I am personally proud to honor philanthropist Diane Lebedeff, who truly embodies the spirit of community", she added.

Volunteers, donations, ticket sales and sponsorships are all needed to meet expected fundraising goals. Tickets can be purchased on the website or at the center's front desk. If you can contribute to this worthy cause, please contact Sarah Elder at (410)-647-5843, ext. 201.

Severna Park Community Center's mission is to serve as the community gathering place that enhances individual and family well-being, and open to all. To learn more about SPCC and how you can support their mission, please visit www.spcommunitycenter.org.

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