

Friends Together



Save the Date!

Friday, September 18th

@ the APlex in Alpena

Doors Open: 5:30 pm

- Dinner
- Entertainment
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Raffle
- Cash Bar



Tickets are \$50 each. Buy your individual tickets or reserve a table of eight at bit.ly/FRIENDSGALA

Friends Together started as a Promise...

Following her oldest daughter's diagnosis with colon cancer, Judy Burns and her family looked for support during her daughter Dawn's cancer journey. While the Burns family found reputable medical care, they could not find people to talk to who understood what they were experiencing and found little to no supports or help for patients and loved ones in northeast MI.

Before Dawn passed away in 1995, Judy had promised her daughter that no one would face cancer alone as they did. She knew her life's mission was to be present for others going through the cancer journey. Judy made the decision to stand up and be available for those in our community dealing with cancer, starting the nonprofit cancer support organization Friends Together in 1996.

Judy remained the cornerstone of the organization, helping countless patients and families throughout northeast MI for almost three decades. After her retirement, she continued on as group facilitator for the organization until her own cancer diagnosis and passing in 2025. Her youngest daughter Melissa Burns is now at the helm as the organization's current Executive Director and continues the work to fulfill Judy's promise.

Join Us for a Fun Evening of Honoring Patients' Journeys and Celebrating Judy's Legacy!



Friends Together®

30 Years **STRONG**
Built on **PROMISE**
Backed by **COMMUNITY**



F.R.I.E.N.D.S. *Gala Sponsorship*

Platinum Sponsor- \$5000+

- Promotional advertising including company logo predominantly on website with clickable link, event banner and event program
- Company acknowledgement throughout the event
- Social media recognition
- Scrolling video acknowledgement throughout the event
- Two VIP Tables with company name and sixteen (16) tickets to event
- Sixteen (16) 30th Year Friends Together T-shirts
- Company logo on Friends Together Transportation Vans

Gold Sponsor- \$3000-\$4999

- Promotional advertising including company logo predominantly on website with clickable link, event banner and event program
- Company acknowledgement throughout the event
- Social media recognition
- Scrolling video acknowledgement at the event
- One VIP Table with company name and eight (8) tickets to event
- Eight (8) 30th Year Friends Together T-shirts

Silver Sponsor- \$1500-\$2999

- Promotional advertising including company logo on website, event banner and event program
- Company acknowledgement throughout the event
- Social media recognition
- Scrolling video acknowledgement at the event
- Four (4) tickets to event
- Four (4) 30th Year Friends Together T-shirts

Bronze Sponsor- \$1000-\$1499

- Promotional advertising including company logo on website and event program
- Company acknowledgement throughout the event
- Social media recognition
- Scrolling video acknowledgement
- Two (2) tickets to the event
- Two (2) 30th Year Friend Together T-shirts

Friend Sponsor- \$750-\$999

- Promotional advertising including company logo on website and event program
- Social media recognition
- Two (2) ticket to the event
- Two (2) 30th Year Friend Together T-shirts

Donate an Auction Item -

- Donations of auction items can be mailed or dropped off to 105 Prentiss, Alpena, MI. Contact us if pick up is needed!

Sponsorship Levels

- ☐ Platinum Sponsor- \$5000+
- ☐ Gold Sponsor- \$3000-\$4999
- ☐ Silver Sponsor- \$1500-\$2999
- ☐ Bronze Sponsor- \$1000-\$1499
- ☐ Friend Sponsor- \$750-\$999
- ☐ Donate Auction Item

Sponsorship Information

Name (as you like it to appear publicly)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone / email

T-Shirt (Quantity/Sizes)

Auction Item value:

Method of payment

- ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Pay Online 
bit.ly/FRIENDSGALA

Please return completed forms via email or mail.
Auction items may be mailed or dropped off at
our location or you may contact us for pick up.



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Sponsorships
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Thank You
**for considering
sponsoring our gala!**

Without the support of our donors, sponsors and volunteers, the last 30 years of impact would not have been possible.

Let's continue to work together to ensure our vision of a community where no one faces cancer alone.

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