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The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation Topgolf Event Raises \$30,000

LEXINGTON, N.C. Sept. 1, 2021 — [The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation](#) hosted their New Jersey bi-annual [Take A Swing for The Common Thread](#) fundraising event at the [Topgolf](#) in Edison, NJ on July 14, 2021. The highly successful evening involved 162 participants and raised \$30,000. Proceeds from the event benefit The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation's Mission and Helping Hand Grants for people (or their immediate families) within the furnishings and design industries who have breast cancer.

"We were thrilled with the wonderful turn out which helped us surpass our fundraising goals for this The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation event," commented Lesley Zitone, event co-chair and materials consultant at [3form](#). "This year we raised \$10,000 more than our last event in 2018. We look forward to hosting the next one in 2023."

Vivian Lawler, resource director for Gensler NJ commented, "The fundraiser event last night was phenomenal. It was wonderful to see many individuals gathered to support a great cause. The laughter, bright and joyful faces, hugs, and fist bumps painted a portrait of unity, resilience, and optimism. Hats off to each Common Thread team member and sponsor for the gift of your time and the heart of giving."

Scott Schwinghammer, chairman for The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation added, "I would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors and supportive attendees who's combined efforts made this year's Take A Swing for The Common Thread such a remarkable success. Because of their dedication several more families will benefit from our Helping Hand Grants."



The [Momentum Textiles](#) team showing their support for the Topgolf event. From top to bottom: Erik Strzempko, event co-chair Elyse Belkin, Michele Silva and Dee Wyrick.



The Take A Swing New Jersey team gathered for a group shot. On the committee in alphabetical order are: Brooke Altidor, CertainTeed Architectural; Elyse Belkin, Momentum; Kiran Dhaliwal, Design Alternatives; Judy Ferri, Kimball; Linda Guglielmo, DIRT; Maria LaFata, Sit on IT; Rita Lemley, FOR BUILD; Carolita Lewis, Jamie Stern Associates; Donna McLaughlin, Pencil and Mouse Design; Gina Morgan; Matthew Negron, Dauphin; Beth O'Brien, Allsteel; Jackie Orlando, JC Office Systems; Lori Klein, Posen Architecture; Naomi Schiff Jirari, Arbee Associates; Caroline Shelly, HF Planners; Rosie Silletti, All State Furniture; Pam Slater, JLL; Veronica Stampfl, Dauphin; Deirdre Tevlin, All Seating; Lesley Zitone, 3form.



Jenna Gatham, Mannington Carpet, practices her shot while her friends cheer her on. Shown left to right: Lesley Zitone, materials consultant 3form; Cammy Hardison, Director of Interiors Rotwein & Blake; Beth O'Brien, Allsteel; Kristen Scotti, Interior Designer HDR; Jacqueline Wolverton, Interior Design Studio Lead HDR; Tami Pego, Associate Design Director; Laura Fowler, Project Manager.

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About The Common Thread for the Cure:

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation was established in 2000 by Suzann Burkhead-Bray and Scott Burkhead in memory of their sister, Sandra Burkhead Campbell, who lost her long-term battle with breast cancer in February 1999. The organization has awarded more than 300 Helping Hand Grants to recipients in 30 states, Canada, and Mexico—and the number is increasing each year. Raise your hand and join us.

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