



Black & Red

## Hartford Hospital's **2020 BLACK & RED** Celebrates Digestive Health

With nearly 1,200 generous sponsors and friends dining, dancing, and mingling throughout The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, the Black & Red raised more than **\$1.3 million** to benefit the program and services of the Digestive Health Center at Hartford Hospital. *(continued on page 2)*

*L-R: William Sardella, MD, chief, Department of Surgery, and medical co-director, Digestive Health Center; Debra Sardella; Falguni Patel; Bimal Patel, president, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford Region, and senior vice president, Hartford HealthCare; Ellen Nestler, MD; Jeffry L. Nestler, MD, chief, Gastroenterology, and medical co-director, Digestive Health Center; Lindsey Meehan, PA-C, MPAS, director, Operations, Digestive Health Center; and Andrew Meehan.*





The hospital's signature fundraiser also featured uplifting singer and songwriter **Andy Grammer**, who performed not only for the gala audience the night of January 25 but also for patients in Hartford Hospital's oncology and inpatient rehabilitation units during the day.

As one of Hartford's premier events, the Black & Red is an opportunity to spotlight critical healthcare issues. This year's gala showcased the personalized, coordinated, and life-saving care of the clinicians and staff of the Digestive Health Center.

Digestive health affects everyone. It is estimated that 70 million people in the United States experience some type of digestive disorder. It is the number one reason for emergency room and primary care visits.

Hartford Hospital and Hartford HealthCare are committed to providing the thousands of people in the region who suffer from digestive disorders with a comprehensive resource for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Money raised through the 2020 Black & Red will support the continued development of state-of-the-art programs and services for patients navigating digestive disorders.

Watch NBC Connecticut's broadcast of "A Night of Black & Red" at [www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/health/connecticuthealthier/a-night-of-black-red-2020](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/health/connecticuthealthier/a-night-of-black-red-2020).



"A Night of Black & Red" was broadcast live from the gala on NBC Connecticut with sports talk show host Rob Dibble and Rebecca Stewart, vice president, Content Strategy, Hartford HealthCare.

During the Black & Red's opening ceremonies, Scott and Cyndi Brown were recognized after sharing their story of Cyndi's journey of healing from a rare gastrointestinal cancer.



L-R: Cyndi Brown; Scott Brown, MD; David Curtis, MD, director, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Hartford Hospital; and Monica Curtis.



Lori Flaks and Jeffrey Flaks, president and CEO, Hartford HealthCare.



L-R: Stuart Bear, Cheryl Chase, and Alan Lazowski.



L-R: Adam Steinberg, MD, regional vice president, Medical Affairs; Amy Steinberg; Falguni Patel; Bimal Patel, president, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford Region, and senior vice president, Hartford HealthCare; Cheryl Ficara, RN, regional vice president, Patient Care Services; and Bob Ficara.



L-R: Bimal Patel, president, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford Region, and senior vice president, Hartford HealthCare; Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin; Sara Bronin; and Falguni Patel.



L-R: Eric Zachs, chair, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford Region Board of Directors; and Jeffrey Flaks, president and CEO, Hartford HealthCare.





L-R: Bimal Patel, president, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford Region, and senior vice president, Hartford HealthCare; Douglas Elliot, Hartford HealthCare's Hartford Region Board of Directors; Diane Bengston; Timothy Bengston; and Sheila Elliot.



L-R: Margaret Lawson, Jerry Franklin, and Ida Franklin.



Lee Monroe and Hank Schwartz, MD, psychiatrist-in-chief emeritus, Institute of Living.



L-R: Debra Sorosky; Tracy Brennan, MD; Rosemary Quinlan, MD; Patricia Fagan, MD; Paula Greenberg, RN; Susan Saidel; and Karen Noble.



L-R: Al Marino; Susan Marino, RN; Paula Reis; and Bill Reis.



Nancy Hoffman and Jeffrey Hoffman.



L-R: Michael Daglio, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Hartford HealthCare; Pauline Daglio; Andrea Scafuri; and Jeffrey Cohen, MD, executive vice president and chief clinical operating officer, Hartford HealthCare.



L-R: Joseph Wagner, MD, and Robert Piorkowski, MD.



L-R: Members of the Young Leaders Advisory Council Evan Schmidt, Kerrie Rowe, Jack Soos, Patricia Graham, and Brian Sullivan.



L-R: Paul Schwartz, MD, director, Neurosurgical Oncology and Skull Base Surgery, Hartford Hospital; Urs Berger, PhD; Debbie Markowitz; Elizabeth Adler, PhD; Joanne Berger-Sweeney, PhD, Hartford HealthCare Board of Directors; and Stuart Markowitz, MD, senior vice president and physician-in-chief, Strategic Imaging and Radiation Safety, Hartford HealthCare.



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L-R: Saira Rani, MD; Amre Nouh, MD, director, Comprehensive Stroke Center, Hartford Hospital; Mahmoud Omar; and Reem Nouh.



L-R: Cynthia Price, MD, secretary, Medical Staff, Hartford Hospital; Joao Delgado, MD; and Danica Delgado.



Rashawn Adams and Raicheen Blanks.



Rhona C. Free, PhD, and Jeffrey Flaks, president and CEO, Hartford HealthCare.



L-R: Camilla Thompson; Paul Thompson, MD, chief of cardiology emeritus, Hartford Hospital; Philip Lahrmann, MD; Susan Lahrmann; Andrew Wakefield, MD; and Eva Ceranowicz, DVM.



Michael O'Loughlin, MD, president, Medical Staff, Hartford Hospital; and Deborah O'Loughlin.



Sylvia Kelly and Harvey Kelly.



L-R: Hartford Hospital Auxiliary Board members Kathy Herzog, Marri Fairbanks, Erin Healer, Patti Maciag, Virginia Van Dyk, Shelley Dodd, Gretchen Haimes, and Christina Rossi.



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Matthew Saidel, MD, and Susan Saidel, below, and Colin McEnroe, right, and Steve Metcalf, below, serenade party-goers in The Bushnell's Autorino Great Hall.



Dancing to Flipside on the Belding Theatre stage lasted late into the night.



John Shea and Annie Lazarus.



Chi Kim, MD, and Steve Lee, MD.



L-R: Sean Meehan; Julie Daly-Meehan; Lindsey Meehan, PA-C, MPAS, director, Operations, Digestive Health Center; and Andrew Meehan.



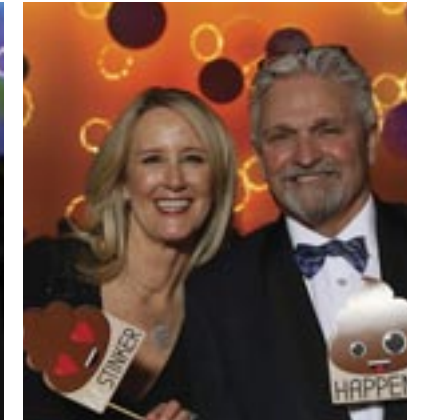
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## The Importance of a Colonoscopy

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women, with as many as 145,000 people diagnosed and about 51,000 dying from the disease in 2019.

If caught early, however, colorectal cancer has a 90 percent survival rate. The best tool for early diagnosis is a colonoscopy. To schedule a colonoscopy or learn how a colonoscopy is easier than you might think, visit <https://hartfordhospital.org/colonoscopy>.

