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**WELLNESS PLACE IMPLEMENTS NEW GALA SAFETY MEASURES**

The Wellness Place Board of Directors is announcing new safety measures for their upcoming “8th Annual Gala Auction”, hosted on Saturday, September 18th at the Wenatchee Convention Center.

“Our commitment to health and wellness has never been more relevant than it is today, and we remain steadfast in keeping our community safe and healthy. Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our region, you can be certain that we will work hard to keep our communities as safe as possible by implementing the following plans for our upcoming important fundraising event,” said Julie Lindholm, Executive Director

- We will require masks to be worn when not seated at the table. We will award fun prizes during the evening for “Best and Most Creative Decorated Masks!
- We request all unvaccinated individuals, and those with symptoms, refrain from attending the event.
- We have substantially decreased the room capacity from 600 guests to only 240, to help ensure adequate space. Be sure to get your tickets before they sell out!
- We have changed each table accommodate 6 guests (instead of the normal 10)
- We will have individual sealed bags including silverware, cloth napkin, drinking glass, water bottle, hand sanitizer and tissues at each place setting
- We will have your covered plated dinner delivered right to your place setting by the Convention Center waitstaff
- We have designed a program to avoid lines and enhance social distancing, including alleviating the check-in/check-out table. Registered guests will be sent an invitation to check-in online. We will then send an email with the table assignment and bid packets will be waiting at their seat. Winning bidders will be emailed an invoice for online payment for easy check-out.
- We have changed the in-person silent auction items to an online auction opening at 8:00am on Monday, September 12th and closing at 10:00pm on Friday, September 17th.

The Gala will still include the live auction with local auctioneer Cody Hodge, and packages include skydiving, outdoor adventures, intimate dinner experiences, golf trips, unique bottles of wine, Lake Chelan sailing excursion, a trip on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, and more!

Tickets are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple (sharing same bid#) and are available online at [www.wellnessplacegala.org](http://www.wellnessplacegala.org) or by calling 509-888-9933.

Wellness Place is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and our mission is to give compassionate support and **FREE** resources to individuals, their families and caregivers through their cancer journey, from diagnosis to survivorship, for all residents in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties, regardless of age or income. No One Fights Alone. For more information visit [www.wellnessplacewenatchee.org](http://www.wellnessplacewenatchee.org).

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