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### Friends of Aine to Host 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala

**Manchester, NH** – Friends of Aine, a nonprofit organization providing bereavement support services to grieving children, teens, and families, will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Gala on Saturday, March 26 at 6:30 pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street. The black-tie optional event will feature dinner, dancing, and a live auction. All proceeds will benefit the grief support services of Friends of Aine.

Signature auction items will include: a football autographed by Tom Brady, original creations by local artists, and vacation packages to domestic and international locations including Belize, and more.

“Our mission at Friends of Aine is to help children and families grieving a death navigate their individual path to a hopeful future,” said Christine Phillips, Co-Founder, Friends of Aine. “Our Gala event is an opportunity to share our work and celebrate its positive impact with the community.”

The Gala is sponsored by Bob and Ann Marie Reardon, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Niederman, Stanzel & Lindsey PLLC, and SolutionHealth: The Elliot. Eckman Construction, Altair Group, Eastern Bank, Catholic Medical Center, and DCU are providing additional sponsorship support. Additional sponsorship levels are still available. Please email [Dylan@friendsofaine.com](mailto:Dylan@friendsofaine.com) for details.

Tickets are \$100. For more information and to reserve tickets, visit [friendsofaine.com/gala](http://friendsofaine.com/gala).

### ABOUT FRIENDS OF AINE

Friends of Aine is the only nonprofit organization in New Hampshire whose sole mission is to support grieving children, teens, and families. Through a network of trained volunteer facilitators, its peer-to-peer support programs assist children and teens with sharing their experiences, exploring topics related to grief, learning coping strategies, and not feeling alone in their grief. Thanks to the



*L to R: Friends of Aine Founders, Christine Phillips and David Phillips*

generosity of donors, there is no cost to families. Friends of Aine also provides training, education, and research to families and professionals. The organization is inspired by Aine Phillips, who died suddenly at the age of eight, and the lack of existing grief support at the time for her surviving sister, Bella. For more information about Friends of Aine, visit [friendsofaine.com](http://friendsofaine.com).

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