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VIVALON'S SOIRÉE D'ÉLÉGANCE RAISES \$420,000 TO ASSIST DISABLED AND OLDER ADULTS GET TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IN MARIN

Funds Raised at Soirée d'Élégance to Help Grow Vivalon's CarePool Volunteer Driver Program

*CarePool Provides Free Rides for Older Adults and People with Disabilities to
Medical Appointments or the Grocery Store in Marin County*

San Rafael, Calif. (November 15, 2021) – [Vivalon](http://www.vivalon.org) (formerly known as Whistlestop), a San Rafael-based nonprofit that promotes the independence, well-being and quality of life for older adults and people living with disabilities, is delighted to announce that its Soirée d'Élégance event raised \$420,000 to support Vivalon's [CarePool](#) volunteer driver program. The elegant black-tie 1920's inspired fundraising event was held on November 6, 2021, at a private automobile collection venue in San Rafael.

Vivalon's CarePool program offers free rides to Marin County residents 65 or older and people with disabilities to medical appointments or the grocery store. The program currently provides about 2,000 rides per year to approximately 740 participants in need of transportation. Funds raised at Vivalon's Soirée d'Élégance will help the organization's goal of doubling the number of rides provided in 2022.



Vivalon's Soirée d'Élégance, held in San Rafael on November 6, 2021, raised \$420,000 to support Vivalon's CarePool program in Marin County.

"In Marin, many older adults miss medical appointments, face malnutrition or isolation due to a lack of accessible and affordable transportation. These factors contribute to a decline in health and a poor quality of life. CarePool's caring volunteers and committed team at Vivalon ensure that there are safe and reliable rides available for those in need," said Anne Grey, Vivalon CEO. "Soirée d'Élégance would not have been possible without the support of our event sponsors, the vision of our event committee, the

dedication of Vivalon's board of directors, our talented staff, and our compassionate community of supporters. Their hard work and generosity will help ensure this critical service will grow and remain free to all eligible Marin residents."

Soirée d'Élégance guests congregated among an exquisite menagerie of classic automobiles and art deco inspired decor, while a string trio performed. The gourmet dinner was prepared by Stacy Scott, owner of Stacy Scott Catering and culinary director at Vivalon's Jackson Café. Wine was provided by Gary Farrell.

Vivalon's Soirée d'Élégance underwriters included Dennis and Becca Ryan, Lauren Elkin and Sherri Jacobs from Valley Memorial Park, Bruce Raabe from Relevant Wealth, and Dennis Fisco from Montecito Plaza. Table sponsors included Jeri Dexter, Patty and Peter Knuth, Harbor Point Charitable Foundation, Susan and Dennis Gilardi, and Ken and Joan Gosliner. Soirée d'Élégance committee members included Tom Bonomi, Walt Buster, Charlie Goodman, Ken Gosliner, Sherri Jacobs, Douglas Reilly, and Bill Tichy.

To learn more about Vivalon's CarePool program, please click [here](#). To view a video about the CarePool program, please click [here](#).

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To sign up for a CarePool ride or to become a volunteer driver, please call (415) 454-0927 or email carepool@vivalon.org.

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ABOUT VIVALON

Vivalon (formerly known as Whistlestop) has served as Marin County's hub for healthy aging for 67 years. As the largest nonprofit serving older adults and people with disabilities in Marin County, Vivalon helps these valuable community members stay healthy, active, connected, and informed with classes, workshops, and activities at its Healthy Aging Center; nutrition services such as home delivered meals through its Meals on Wheels and Vivalon Nourish programs and nutritious meals at its Jackson Café; and a variety of specialized transportation services. In addition to serving the needs of older adults and individuals living with disabilities, Vivalon provides services for other vulnerable populations, such as those with chronic health challenges and low-income families. For more information about Vivalon, please visit www.vivalon.org.

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