

A night of honor for Hospice Atlanta

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& Finch; and **Kevin Walker** of Cherokee Town & Country Club. Sommeliers included **Angela Head** of East Lake Golf Club, **Steven Clark** of the Ritz-Carlton Lodge at Reynolds Plantation, **Seth Roskind** of 4th and Swift and **Michael Bryan** of the Atlanta Wine School.

Amy Crowell, Atlanta director of Share Our Strength, focused on the cause behind the cuisine.

"Hunger is invisible," she said. "Every night more than 400,000 children go to bed in Georgia not knowing whether there will be breakfast."

Statistically speaking, she added, "if you look at a playground, one in six of those children is hungry."

Up next for Share Our Strength is the Great American Dine Out, planned for Sept. 20-26. During this time, participating restaurants contribute a portion of their proceeds to the charity. Info: strength.org.

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Visiting Nurse/Hospice Atlanta's 22nd annual ben-



Visiting Nurse/Hospice Atlanta's 22nd annual benefit honors longtime volunteer and former gala chair Liz Levine. *Jim Lyle Lyle Photos*

efit is Sept. 26 at Capital City Club-Brookhaven.

"This year's event will be an opportunity for people who are genuinely interested in our mission to gather together as friends, celebrate life and support our community's growing needs," said vice president of advancement **Lisa Robinson**.

Themed, "In the Moment: A Celebration of

Life," it honors Liz Levine. She became involved in Visiting Nurse/Hospice Atlanta through her mentor, **Mary Gellerstedt**, co-chaired the 1995 gala with **Dell Rearden** in 1995 and served on the board of directors for more than 10 years.

Levine also supports The Temple, where she was raised and married, the Parents' Council at Westminster School, Spelman College, the Emory Board of Visitors and Literacy Action.

Helen Carlos is the event's chair and host committee members include **Pamela Chawkin**, **Kim Foster**, **BJ Griffin**, **Laura Griffin**, **Sue Griffin**, **Betsy** and **Clay Hale**, **Sherry** and **Brian Ranck** and **Anita Thomas**.

The evening begins with cocktails and features a silent auction, seated dinner and entertainment. Individual tickets are \$250 and patron tickets are \$1,000 per pair. Proceeds support the care of more than 18,000 home health and hospice patients annually. Info: 770-936-1170, www.vnhs.org.