

# EAST END — TASTE

## Southampton Hospital Foundation's Summer Soirée Breaks Records for East End Healthcare

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Credit: BFA

The Hamptons' longest-running summer benefit dazzled guests with Moroccan-inspired elegance, exceptional cuisine, and an outpouring of generosity for East End healthcare.

### A Record-Breaking Evening of Philanthropy

Nearly 400 supporters gathered under the iconic tents on Wickapogue Road on Saturday, August 2, for the Southampton Hospital Foundation's 67th Annual Summer Party. The evening raised over \$1.6 million to benefit Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and the newly opened Stony Brook East Hampton Emergency Department, marking one of the most successful benefits in the event's storied history.



Credit: Mark Sagliocco

## A Night in Marrakesh



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This year's theme transformed the venue into a Moroccan-inspired oasis, with rich jewel tones, ornate lanterns, and lush floral arrangements designed by DeJuan Stroud. Guests were transported to a world of colorful elegance from the moment they arrived, complete with henna artistry and the soulful sounds of American Idol alum Christiaan Padavan.

## Cocktail Hour



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The evening began with a lively cocktail hour featuring The Macklowe's signature Gold Fashioned and wines from Wölffer Estate Vineyard. Passed hors d'oeuvres showcased a global palette of flavors, from Kobe Beef Franks and Short Rib Croquettes to Mediterranean Lamb Sliders, Maakouda, Spicy Salmon, Mushroom Pipettes, Mediterranean Cucumber Cups, and Vietnamese Vegetable Summer Rolls.

## An Inspired Dinner Menu



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Elegant Affairs crafted a multi-course menu that celebrated both local and international flavors. Tabletop bites included dates, dried apricots, khubz, and m'lawli, followed by a vibrant cucumber, peach, and tomato salad. Guests enjoyed a dual entrée of Montauk Sea Bass with Ras el Hanout and Petite Filet Mignon, served alongside fine wines.

## Sweet Endings

Desserts were served family-style, offering an indulgent finale of baklava, kunefe, and Turkish delights—perfectly suited to the evening’s Moroccan theme.

## Honoring Visionary Leadership



Vice Chairs Hollis Forbes, Jean Shafiroff, Melanie Wambold, and Cindy Willis, Chair Sarah Wetenhall, Vice Chairs Margo Nederlander, Sheila Fuchs, and Laura Lofaro Freeman. Credit: Mark Saggiocco

Kate and Andrew Davis were honored for their unwavering generosity, advocacy, and commitment to expanding access to healthcare on the East End.

## Dancing for a Cause



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After a spirited paddle auction led by celebrity auctioneer Lydia Fenet, guests filled the dance floor as Overdrive kept the celebration going late into the night. The evening was a testament to the community’s dedication to supporting essential healthcare services for the East End.