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**“DINE WITH A STAR AT THE BURG’R BAR” RAISES \$10,000
TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION**

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (March 24, 2017) – On March 14th, the Fred Lang Foundation held its first annual Dine with a Star at the Burg’r Bar event, which raised \$10,000 to support suicide prevention and education in Charlotte County.

Local “celebrities” were on hand to serve attendees food and drink throughout the night. Celebrities include: Harvey & Marianne Goldberg, Musician Chris G, Charlotte Sun Publisher Robert E. Lee, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Julie Mathis, Attorney Jill McCrory, Boogieman Mike Riley, Commissioner Bill Truex, Author Steven Wilson, MonarchDIRECT’s Darcy Woods, Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce President John Wright, and Attorney Ed Wotitzky.

“For me, it was all about raising as much money as we could to support suicide prevention & education,,” said Paul Lynch, owner of Burg’r Bar, “So we were thrilled to learn we raised \$10,000; the support in our community is amazing.”

In fact, suicide rates in Charlotte County (18.9%) are one of the highest in the State of Florida, and Florida ranks 49th in per capita spending for mental health treatment.

“Charlotte Behavioral Health Care has put its Zero Suicide Program at the top of its agenda,” said Miranda Fields, President of the Fred Lang Foundation (Fred Lang Foundation is the fundraising arm for CBHC.). “We are so thankful to Burg’r Bar owners Paul and Brenda Lynch and to the community members who attended the event. Because the Zero Suicide program is not funded by the state, monies were desperately needed to continue prevention and education in our community.”

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Photo Caption: Dine with a Star committee members (l-r): Brenda Lynch, Patti Guerzo, Colleen Wright, Miranda Fields, Keith Callaghan, Marjorie Benson, Kelly Pomerville, Paul Lynch (not pictured: Jacqueline Benjamin)