

Believe 271 Foundation, Inc.

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Oneida and Herkimer County First Responders,

Since March of 2014, the Believe 271 Foundation, Inc., has assisted volunteers within Oneida and Herkimer Counties with the daunting diagnosis “**You Have Cancer**”. To date this 501(c)3 organization has provided 95 checks to 73 firefighters in the amount of \$319,874.00. We have also educated thousands across the northeast and have been instrumental in creating the Lavender Ribbon Report, the 11 best practices to preventing cancer.

One of our two main annual fund raisers is the Firefighters’ Pink Tie Gala. An elegant evening of hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, buffet, dancing and an opportunity to socialize with your neighboring departments. Please plan to join us on **Saturday, October 15th** at **Hart’s Hill Inn** from **6:00 to 11:00 pm** for the **4th Annual Firefighters’ Pink Tie Gala**, a formal firefighters’ ball. **You can find out more about this event by going to: www.believe271.com.**

The entire evening will be located in the elegantly decorated Grand Ball Room. It commences with an open bar and passed hors d’oeuvres. Complimentary photography (one picture per couple) can be found in the Garden Room from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm you will enjoy a deluxe buffet, followed by a second hour of open bar. Throughout the evening you will enjoy the music from the Dusty Puppies until 11:00 pm. This is a semi-formal event, firefighters are encouraged to wear their Class A uniforms; for those without uniforms, suits or cocktail wear is appropriate. For the ladies cocktail dresses or formal wear is acceptable.

Advance sale tickets are available for \$65.00 each or can be purchased at the door (if not sold out) for \$75.00. Tables of 8 can be reserved for \$520.00 (advance purchase only). Tables are limited, so reserve your table early by prepaying in check only. Tickets can be purchased by **October 1, 2022** from committee members, using the attached form or at: www.believe271.com

We will be conducting a 50/50+, Chinese Auction and a Silent Auction and we need your help. **We are asking for basket donations** from fire departments, ladies auxiliaries, individuals and local businesses. Since this is a semi formal event, the better quality, more unique baskets we receive, the more successful this event will be. Therefore, we are asking that each basket donated be **at least \$50.00 or more in value**. Engraved Believe 271 wine glasses and pink ties will be available for purchase at the event.

Donated baskets can be dropped off at Brian and Sarah McQueen’s home (10 Bermuda Road, Whitesboro) or at Dan and Betsy Schwertfeger’s home (7651 Camroden Road, Rome). If needed, arrangements can be made for the baskets to be picked up. Please contact Betsy Schwertfeger (315-725-6404) or Donna Grems (315-525-9184) for drop off or pick up details no later than **October 1st**. We thank you in advance for any basket donations, hopefully making this Gala a huge success for the Believe 271 Foundation.

For additional information on the event, contact Brian McQueen (315) 552-8245 or Sarah McQueen (315)723-2343.

“No One Fights Alone”

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