

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 **112 checks** to **85 firefighters** in the amount of **\$366,074.00**. Over the past 12 months, we have “gifted” 11 checks totaling \$38,200.00.

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 that impacts firefighters across the United States.

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 14th** at **Hart’s Hill Inn** from **6:00 to 11:00 pm** for the **5th 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 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 music by DJ’s Dave and Dana Olney 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 are acceptable.

Advance sale tickets are available for \$70.00 each. Tables of 8 can be reserved for \$560.00 (advance purchase only). Tickets are limited to 300 guests, so reserve your tickets/table early by prepaying in check only. Tickets must be purchased by **October 1, 2023**, and 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**.

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 success for the Believe 271 Foundation.

For additional information on the event, contact: Pink Tie Gala Chair Fred Sherman (315)225-4201
Brian McQueen (315) 552-8245
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