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Adam's House to Host "Dancing with the Stars": Fundraising Event Supporting CT's Grieving Children and Families

SHELTON, CT - [September 12, 2024] - Adam's House, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting children and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one, is proud to announce their fifth annual "Dancing with the Stars" fundraiser. The event will be held on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 7pm, at The Warehouse @Fairfield Theater Company in Fairfield, CT.

"Dancing with the Stars" is the premiere fundraising event for Adam's House each year, and proceeds benefit the grief education and peer support programs offered at no-cost to grieving children and families.

This year's Celebrity Emcee is standup comedy icon, storyteller, and writer, **Lisa Lampanelli**. The panel of judges includes ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" Season 15 champion and National Dance Director of Fred Astaire Dance Studios, **Tony Dovolani**, host of CT Live on NBC-CT, **Taylor Kinzler**, and Fox 61's **Matt Scott**.

The event's theme is "Dancing through the Decades," and a cast of local community leaders and supporters of Adam's House are partnering with professional dancers from Fred Astaire Dance Studios in Orange, Hamden, and Shelton to inspire the audience and help raise funds for Adam's House.

Guests, friends, family, and community supporters will also cast votes for their favorite dancers to win the coveted "People's Choice Award." Judges will critique each routine and award the Judges' Choice Award to the pair with the highest cumulative score. In addition to attending the event, individuals and businesses can support Adam's House by becoming a sponsor or promoting their business with an ad in the event program.

2024 "Dancing with the Stars" Cast and Professional Partners

- **Alexa Benfanti**, Adam's House "Helping Hearts Heal" program alumna & **Felix Reyes**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Shelton
- **Tara Evans**, Aviation management professional, Tradewind Aviation & **Max Dubrovnyi**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Hamden
- **Ashley Langer**, Founder of "Business Socialistas" & **Nedd Pavlovic**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Orange
- **Kristen Ostrowski**, Stamford 911 Dispatcher & **Olena Bobrakova**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Hamden
- **George Papanicolaou**, Enterprise Holdings Executive and Fairfield U alum & **Juliette St. George**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Orange
- **Hannah Perry**, Owner of The Giggling Pig Art & Party studio & **Andri Drobitko**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Hamden
- **Jay "Ice Man" Piccirillo**, Owner of Micalizzi's Ice & **Magali Bazzano**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Orange
- **Doug Wade**, Past President of Wade's Dairy and local community advocate & **Sofia Kibalnykova**, Fred Astaire Dance Studios, Hamden

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Guests will enjoy thoughtfully-curated selections from On The Marc Catering, plus beer and wine. **Limited VIP seating and General Admission tickets** are on sale through October 10th.

Space is limited - Visit <https://dwts24.givesmart.com> to reserve your seat!

About Adam's House

Adam's House is a non-profit organization located in Shelton, CT, that provides free grief education and peer support programs to children and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Adam's House offers a safe, welcoming environment where children and families can share their experiences and receive the support they need to heal through an 8-week peer support group entitled 'Helping Hearts Heal'. For more information about Adam's House and its programs, visit www.adamshousect.org.

About Lisa Lampanelli

With a career that spanned more than 30 years, Lisa Lampanelli was a constant on the comedy scene. With numerous tours, 2 Grammy nominations, sold-out appearances at Radio City Music Hall and Carnegie Hall under her belt, Lisa announced her retirement from standup comedy on the Howard Stern radio program in late 2018 and is now dedicating her life to writing and performing in storytelling shows, coaching comedy and storytelling, and being a general overall bad-ass.

Her play, STUFFED, enjoyed two off-Broadway runs in 2016 and 2017, and her appearances on the Comedy Central Roasts and the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" are career highlights. Lisa also raised \$130,000 for the Gay Men's Health Crisis during season 5 of NBC's "Celebrity Apprentice," and is the 2024 Global Ambassador for the North Shore Animal League of America.

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