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10th Annual *Caring for the Caregiver* Conference a success!

(Gainesville, FL) - Caregivers from all over north central Florida walked the red carpet on Thurs., June 17, for the 10th Annual *Caring for the Caregiver* Conference. Held at the Tower Club at the Village, the conference honored caregivers and those caring for Alzheimer's patients for their tireless dedication by treating them to a fun-filled day!

The day's activities began with Dr. Leilani Doty, Ph.D., with the McKnight Brain Institute, and Vonceil Levine, MSW, bereavement specialist with Haven Hospice both speaking about the caregiving, providing encouragement and support to caregivers. The speaking portion wrapped up with Robyn Katz and caregivers from Al'z Place presented "the Caregivers Bag of Tricks." Guests also participated in bingo and won door prizes.

The afternoon portion of the conference consisted of focus groups on caregiver issues. The day ended with a resource fair.

Special thanks to The Village for hosting the event and Williams-Thomas Funeral Home. Community sponsors include: Al'z Place, Amedisys, Barnes Optioncare, Comfort Keepers, Emeritus of Gainesville, Gator Custom Mobility, Gentiva, Haven Hospice, Home by Choice, HT Medical, Kindred Hospital, North Florida Regional Healthcare Senior Healthcare Centers, Nurse on Call, Oak Hammock and Palm Garden.

Photo Caption: Vonceil Levine, MSW, bereavement specialist with Haven Hospice speaks to caregivers at the 10th Annual Caring for the Caregiver conference.