

# Dancing for the Pink House

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Carolina Breast Friends (CBF) in partnership with Charlotte Ballroom will hold their second annual *Dancing with the Stars of Charlotte for the Pink House* fundraiser on Saturday, April 29, 2017 in honor of Dr. Teresa Flippo-Morton. With tickets selling out in just one hour, the highly anticipated show is sure to be a dance lover's dream as Charlotte Star and Pro duos show off their professional dance performances.

Structured similarly to ABC's hit show *Dancing with the Stars*, each couple will be competing for a mirror ball trophy not only for "judge's choice" but also for "top fundraiser". For months the Charlotte Stars have been working diligently to fundraise for the Pink House and bring awareness to Carolina Breast Friends' mission – to serve breast cancer survivors through education, encouragement and friendship.

Founded in 2003 by Kristy Adams-Ebel, the Pink House has served as a social outlet and respite for breast cancer survivors. The "one-stop-shop" provides an inspirational setting where survivors can focus on healing, and empowerment thorough camaraderie and knowledge. The Pink House welcomes survivors

during any stage of their journey – diagnosis, treatment, and beyond – including living with metastasis, and the fear of recurrence. Support and guidance is provided via scheduled programs and lectures, monthly support meetings and even yoga classes!

With CBF offering what no other organization has for the community, it's no wonder why Charlotte community leaders such as Dr. Elizabeth Rostan, physician owner and director at Charlotte Skin & Laser, were eager to rally behind them and participate as one of the dancing stars for the fundraiser. Having a "mother in law [who] died of breast cancer and without the resources of such a strong community force like [the] Pink House and CBF", Dr. Rostan is personally touched by their mission. She has

also "cared for many patients over the years with breast cancer including one whose experience with the Pink House and Carolina Breast Friends was so meaningful that she became a member of the board".

Dr. Rostan represents many members of our community, who have not personally been diagnosed with breast cancer but whose lives are affected by the family members and loved ones who have. She believes that "it is important particularly as a physician in the community to give back with time and resources". And it is with this type of support and generosity that CBF is able to offer a number of in-house services and outreach programs for survivors, including Wellness Education, Research Center, Healing Garden, Fitness and Nutrition Center, Self-Image services and Arts & Crafts Workshops.

If you or a member of your family have been diagnosed with breast cancer, Carolina Breast Friends would like to hear from you! Give them a call at 704.370.7773 or drop by the Pink House located at 1607 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28207. ■

## Ballroom competition benefits Carolina Breast Friends



Dr. Elizabeth Rostan, Owner and Physician at Charlotte Skin & Laser, rehearses for the second annual *Dancing with the Stars Charlotte* with dance partner Pavel Antanovich at Midtown Ballroom. Dr. Rostan is a regular contributor to *Charlotte Living* and a fabulous dancer who raised funds and awareness for Carolina Breast Friends and The Pink House.