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THE BALTIMORE STATION'S FIRST VIRTUAL HOMERUN FOR RECOVERY RAISES OVER \$95K

The Baltimore Station, an organization that provides therapeutic outpatient treatment programs for veterans and others transitioning through poverty, substance use disorder and homelessness to regain self-sufficiency, recently hosted its 29th annual Homerun for Recovery fundraiser. Held for the first time virtually, the event brought in more than \$95,000, which will directly support clients in The Baltimore Station's program.

More than 400 people tuned into the virtual event on April 22 and experienced four concerts by local bands playing country, classic rock, pop and Motown/jazz music while enjoying a curated menu of appetizers and cocktails from the 206

Restaurant Group. Fortego, a Blue Halo company, served as the lead event sponsor.

"Given the pandemic and how many unknowns there were with hosting this event virtually, we could not be more thrilled with the outcome," said Kim Callari, director of development and communications at The Baltimore Station, in a statement. "Our volunteers and supporters came together and showed their support for the organization and our men."

Homerun for Recovery's success this year was driven by ticket purchases, an online silent auction and corporate sponsorships. A "Fund A Need" campaign targeted to volunteers also led to more than \$16,000 in donations.



Clockwise from above: Friends of The Baltimore Station, including (from left) Paula Kowalewski, Nancy Gray, Patrice Mezzanotte, Amy Wisowaty, Kendra Brown and Erin Lessans, gathered to watch the concerts; Shawn Carper, Mary Jo Anselmi, Jennifer Mayne and Chrissy Carper enjoy cocktails given to virtual attendees; Kim Callari, director of development and communications at The Baltimore Station, and a resident at The Baltimore Station joined Eric Jackson from MartinFederal to thank him for the organization's sponsorship.

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