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DUET'S 30TH ANNUAL JAZZ CABARET A SUCCESS

(Phoenix, AZ –) The sound of spectacular jazz filled the air at Duet's 30th Annual Jazz Cabaret – featuring Blaise Lantana and The Dmitri Matheny Group. On April 10, hundreds of Duet supporters filled the MacArthur Ballroom at the Arizona Biltmore and enthusiastically participated in a silent and live auction to net \$56,600 in support of the organization.

"We're very grateful to everyone who helped make this year's event a success," said Elizabeth Banta, Duet Executive Director. "These funds will help us provide quality, one-on-one help to seniors in need."

Lantana, the voice of the Valley's jazz scene on KJZZ, showcased sultry vocals in a wonderful series of Gershwin favorites. Working alongside her was the exceptionally talented Dmitri Matheny Group. "Summertime" and "I Got Rhythm" were some of the crowd pleasers.

Performer and arts advocate Carmela Ramirez served as Master of Ceremonies. Rabbi Marty Scharf served as auctioneer. Duet Board of Directors member Sharon Kearns served as the event Chairperson.

Sponsors included: ***Ella Fitzgerald Sponsors:*** Lou Jennings and Becky Boston, BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona, U.S. Airways; ***Count Basie Sponsors:*** Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Joyce Glazner, Northern Trust, Salt River Project, Barbara Shovers, Silverado Senior Living, and William J. Heimann, D.D.S.; ***Mardi Gras – Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Sponsor:*** Lee and Kristine Peterson; ***St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans – Silent Auction Sponsors:*** Hospice of the Valley, M&I Bank, Sonoran Landesign.

Proceeds from Jazz Cabaret will support Duet's compassionate, free-of-charge services. Duet is a non-profit, interfaith organization that promotes health and well-being through a broad range of services to homebound adults, caregivers, faith communities and grandparents raising grandchildren. More information at www.duetaz.org or (602) 274-5022.

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