



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CANCER SCHOLARSHIP HONOURS A SPECIAL MEMORY**

Last Saturday night, (22 October) Hellenic Hall at North Hobart was the venue for a special fundraising dinner and scholarship presentation, in memory of young mother Athena Karydis Foniadakis, who died of leukaemia just over five years ago.

Administered by The Cancer Council Tasmania, the Athena Karydis Foniadakis Leukaemia Scholarship is allocated annually for professional development in cancer control.

The \$5,000 scholarship was established in 2001 by Athena's family and friends and proceeds from the dinner go into the scholarship fund for an annual distribution. Three hundred and sixty guests attended last Saturday's Taverna Night and thanks to the generosity of many sponsors and those attending, \$35,000 was raised for the Athena Karydis Foniadakis Fund.

Clare Healy, a clinical nurse consultant working in palliative care at the Royal Hobart Hospital and Hobart Private is the recipient of the Athena Karydis Foniadakis Scholarship. Clare will use the award to further her studies in a Master of Palliative Care degree.

In addition to the scholarship, an Athena Karydis Foniadakis grant of \$2,000 was awarded to Gillian Sheldon Collins. Gillian will use her grant to further her studies in a Master of Nursing Science – specialising in cancer nursing. Gillian is currently the bone marrow transplant co-ordinator at the Royal Hobart Hospital

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