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Six Local Business Leaders Establish Against the Storm Foundation

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BUFFALO, N.Y., October 22, 2019 – Six local business leaders have come together to establish the Against the Storm Foundation, Inc., a New York State registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The foundation's mission is to help fight blood cancers and support other causes that will improve the health and quality of life for people in need.

The organizers and directors of the foundation are:

- Thomas Lillis (President) – Senior vice president, Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Joseph Nicastro (Vice President) – Personal injury attorney, Ramos & Ramos
- Justin Andreozzi (Treasurer) – Associate, Andreozzi Bluestein LLP
- Dick Shaner, Jr. (Secretary) – Senior vice president, The Martin Group/Martin Davison Public Relations
- Randall Andreozzi – Partner, Andreozzi Bluestein LLP
- John Freedenberg, Esq. – Partner, Goldberg Segalla

Lillis lives in Tonawanda, Nicastro resides in Amherst, Justin Andreozzi and Shaner live in Williamsville, Randall Andreozzi is an East Amherst resident, and Freedenberg lives in Snyder.

According to Lillis, establishing the foundation provides the opportunity to continue raising and allocating funds from special events sponsored by the foundation, along with the sale of "Against The Storm," a CD written and performed by several of Buffalo's top local musicians with support from Canadian indie music icon Ron Hawkins.

The foundation recently donated \$10,000 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Western & Central New York based on proceeds from its annual cornhole tournament held at Angry Buffalo @ The Rose Garden in Williamsville in June, and its annual golf tournament held in July at Transit Valley Country Club in East Amherst.

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Lillis, Nicastro, and Freedenberg – all musicians and members of The Kensingtons, the Sportsmen’s Americana Music Foundation 2018 Band of the Year – said proceeds from their annual “Rock for the Cure” event at The Tralf Music Hall in downtown Buffalo will also be directed to the foundation for distribution to other non-profits, including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), Western & Central New York Chapter.

The LLS has been the beneficiary of nearly \$40,000 raised during the first four years of the event. The fifth annual “Rock for the Cure” will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

For additional information about the Against The Storm Foundation and music project, along with upcoming fundraising activities, please visit: www.againstthestorm.org, www.facebook.com/AgainstTheStormMusic/ <https://twitter.com/AgstTheStrm>.

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