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Explorer Victor Vescovo captivated audience at The Senior Source's Sage Society Members Event

On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, a crowd of 169 philanthropists gathered at the Dallas Country Club for The Charles C. Sprague Sage Society's 24th Annual Dinner and Program, hosted by The Senior Source, co-chaired by **Elizabeth and Eric Gambrell**, and underwritten by **Bank of Texas**. More than \$230,000 was raised from Sage Society members that will go towards sustaining vital programs and services for seniors in our community.

Preston Hollow resident, Dallas native, and St. Marks School graduate, **Victor Vescovo**, captivated members with stories from exploring the deep sea, climbing the seven highest summits, and space travel. At 57 years old, he inspired guests to never stop learning, reaching for more, and pushing ourselves to do more than we think we can, regardless of age.

Vescovo shared that the most dangerous summit he climbed was on the highest mountain peak of an island on Earth, called Carstensz Pyramid in Indonesia. "You have to suspend yourself on ropes and pull yourself across the chasm," Vescovo said. "Of course, just like anything else that is difficult in life, you practice, you train, and if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish almost anything. I encourage everyone to try something new that scares you."

So what's left to explore for the man who has seemingly done it all? Well, Vescovo shared, among other new ventures, he is currently serving on the board of advisors of Colossal Biosciences where they are trying to bring back extinct species that have been exterminated by man. Vescovo said, "It's exciting. That's a different type of exploration. We have publicly announced three species that we're working towards bringing back – the Woolly Mammoth, the Tasmanian Tiger, and yes, even the Dodo Bird."

The events décor encapsulated wonder and exploration as well. The centerpieces featured adventure-themed books for guests to donate to senior living facilities for residents to enjoy and were placed on table sized compasses. Maps and globes were sprinkled throughout the venue and coins that were found near the Titanic were on display.

A myriad of guests in attendance including Pam Busbee, Ellen and Bob Dill, Sandra Estess, Suzy and Larry Gekiere, Margo and Bill Goodwin, Lydia and Dan Novakov, Lynn and Den Bishop, and Rebecca J. Wynne. Keynote speaker Victor Vescovo was joined by sister and brother in law, Victoria and Frank Webster. Sewell was the valet sponsor, and Bank of Texas made it possible for 100 percent of the members' contributions to directly benefit the agency's services.

If interested in becoming a member of the Sage Society, please contact Chief Development Officer, Caroline Marak, at cmarak@theseniorsource.org.

About The Charles C. Sprague Society

The Charles C. Sprague Sage Society educates members on aging issues and supports the programs of The Senior Source. It was founded in 1999 under the leadership of Dr. Charles Sprague, then Chairman Emeritus of Southwest



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Medical Foundation. Membership of the Society offers participants educational presentations and a dinner held each year while building financial support for services that improve the quality of life for older adults.

About The Senior Source

Since 1961, The Senior Source's mission has been to enhance the quality of life for older adults in greater Dallas. This nonprofit agency serves as the go-to resource for everything older adults may need including financial guidance, advice on long-term care facilities, or ways to connect with others through volunteerism. The agency assists more than 25,000 seniors and their families with the services, programs, and resources they need to be happy and secure in their later years. Learn more at theseniorsource.org.