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12th Annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy” Golf Tournament Raises Over \$30,000 for St. James Mercy Foundation

October 12, 2015...Hornell, NY...The 12th annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy golf tournament to benefit St. James Mercy Foundation raised \$30,894 at the event held Friday, September 11, at Twin Hickory Golf Club in Hornell. Twenty-seven teams and thirty-eight sponsors participated in this year’s tournament, as well as twenty-four volunteers from the hospital and community. The Foundation provides resources to benefit St. James Mercy Hospital, and all proceeds from the golf tournament will directly benefit the transformation of healthcare services in Hornell.

“We’re delighted and very appreciative of the turn-out for this year’s tournament ,” said Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH president & CEO. “As we move forward with our healthcare transformation, we’re hopeful the community will continue to show its steadfast support for local healthcare services here at St. James Mercy Hospital.”

This year’s “Friends *Fore* Mercy” corporate event sponsors were ALSTOM Transportation, Elderwood, ER Select, MercyLine by Doyle, Steuben Trust Company, and UR Medicine. Simmons Rockwell offered four hole-in-one prize opportunities, including the chance to win a 2016 Ford Escape. Additional sponsors and prize donors may be found at www.stjamesmercy.org/foundation-golf.

Additional funds were raised with three contests and drawings for Buffalo Bills vs Patriots tickets (won by Stan Konopko, donated back and auctioned for \$200 to Shannon Forsythe; donated by Time Warner Media/Melissa Meyer); and Samsung Galaxy Tab (won by Connie Mullen; also donated by Time Warner Media/Melissa Meyer); Fit Bit (won by Roger Payne; donated by MercyLine by Doyle). Jamie Panetta won the 50/50 cash raffle.

With a score of 59, the first-place team included Nathan Clark, Toni Dickson, Brody Brown, and Jake Powell. Second-place with a score of 60 included Kevin Conklin, Ron Byron, Bill Ormsby, and Bryon Salmon. Women’s closest to the pin was won by Rosie McCollum and men’s closest to the pin by Matt Mehlenbacher. Women’s longest drive was won by Kate Kreger and men’s longest drive by Cory Arbogast. For the first time in our tournament history, we had a hole-in-one! Congratulations to Tom Beers of Maple City Savings; he won a golf package at the Westgate Resort in Las Vegas by scoring a hole-in-one on Hole #4.

“We are grateful to the many sponsors and players for the annual Friends *Fore* Mercy golf tournament, as well as Hospital staff and volunteers who worked diligently to make it a great success,” said Sullivan.

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The winning team of St. James Mercy Foundation's annual "Friends *Fore* Mercy" golf tournament shot 59 at the September 11th Patriot Day event at Twin Hickory Golf Club. Pictured is the winning team from Clark Oil.