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13th Annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy” Golf Tournament Raises Over \$37,000 for St. James Mercy Foundation

September 22, 2016...Hornell, NY...The 13th annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy golf tournament to benefit St. James Mercy Foundation raised \$37,350 at the event held Friday, September 9, at Twin Hickory Golf Club in Hornell. Thirty-two teams and forty-six 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 thrilled and very appreciative of the record-setting dollar amount this year’s tournament raised,” said Dustin Hewit, Foundation Executive Director. “As we move forward with our plans for the construction of our new Hospital, 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, MercyLine by Doyle, Razak Associates, Steuben Center for Health Care, Steuben Trust Company, and UR Medicine. Maple City Dodge offered two hole-in-one prizes with an opportunity to win up to \$500 in cash. Additional sponsors and prize donors may be found at www.stjamesmercy.org/foundation-golf.

Additional funds were raised with three contests and drawings for \$500 Visa Gift Card donated by SJMH President’s Council (won by Larry Valentine); Buffalo Bills vs Cardinals tickets donated by Time Warner Media/Melissa Meyer (won by Karen Grillo); Samsung Galaxy Tab (won by Pete Peters) also donated by Time Warner Media/Melissa Meyer; Epic Partybooth \$299 gift certificate (won by Vincent LeCat) donated by Jason Soles; and Crosby Creek Custom Carved Wood Sign \$100 gift certificate also donated by Jason Soles (also won by Vincent LeCat). Paolo Gatti won the 50/50 cash raffle.

With a score of 56, the first-place team included Nate Clark, Tony Dickson, Pete Peters, and Nick Clark. Second-place with a score of 60 included Lisa Schwartz, Roger Payne, Pierre Meldrum, and Josh Hadsell. Women’s closest to the pin was won by Jeanie Burgen and men’s closest to the pin by Nate Clark. Women’s longest drive was won by Val Slaght and men’s longest drive by Sean Nosky.

“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 Hewit.

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For the third consecutive year, Nate Clark's team has won the St. James Mercy Foundation's annual "Friends *Fore* Mercy" golf tournament. The 1st Place team shot 56 at the September 9th event at Twin Hickory Golf Club.