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Shick Family Charity Golf Classic Donates \$4,000+ Earnings to St. James Mercy Foundation

HORNELL, N.Y. – Friends and members of Hornell's Shick family gathered June 30 for a day of golf and fun, and raised \$4,027.93 for the St. James Mercy Foundation. The money will be used to support the development of the Hospital's new campus.

This year's tournament – the family's third – raised twice what their first outing earned, and 60% more than last year's event. Historically, a different community organization has been chosen as the beneficiary each year. During a check presentation ceremony in July, family members surprised Hospital officials with the news that the St. James Mercy Foundation will benefit from their 2018 tournament as well.

"We all agree that the Hospital is the single most important cause in our community and we have strong family ties to it," said Becky Shick, whose parents the tournament was designed to honor. "Their dedication to our community is clear, so when it came time to vote on next year's beneficiary, it was unanimous that we would do all we can for them. We are all looking forward to raising the bar yet again next year."

"We had a great time playing with the Shicks and their friends, and their selection of St. James Mercy Hospital to receive the proceeds means a lot," said Dustin Hewit, Executive Director of the St. James Mercy Foundation. "The support of this family and many others as we prepare for construction has shown what a truly special place Hornell is, and how strongly the community supports this hospital."

The Shick Family Charity Golf Classic was founded as a way to have fun and give back, as well as to honor matriarch Anita Shick, who has proudly led the family since the passing of her husband, William D. Shick, in 1974. He was 45. Anita was joined at the check presentation by her daughters Becky and Martha Shick-Wraight.

The Shick family history has been closely intertwined with that of the Hospital. Anita's sister, Yolanda Fiordo, was part of the first graduating class of St. James' nursing school. Another of her sisters, Rosemary Danaher, was the secretary at the school for many years. And Anita's son, Dave, met his wife Pat (McBride) while she was a student there. They were married in 1974 and have four children and six grandchildren.

A series of generous sponsors were part of what made the tournament so successful. They include:

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St. James Mercy Hospital was founded in 1890 and now provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, general surgery, physical therapy, Express Care, mammography, digital imaging, a Coumadin clinic, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system called MercyLine. The Hospital works on an ongoing basis to build collaborative relationships with a host of regional partners, in order to ensure the continued continuity of critical health care services in the Hornell community.

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Pictured, left to right: St. James Mercy Foundation Executive Director Dustin Hewit, SJMH President & CEO Jennifer Sullivan, Anita Shick, Martha Shick-Wraight, Becky Shick, SJMH CFO Stan Konopko.