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10th Annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy” Golf Tournament Raises Over \$23,000 for St. James Mercy Foundation

June 26, 2013...Hornell, NY...The 10th annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy” golf tournament to benefit St. James Mercy Foundation raised \$23,141 at the event held Friday, June 14, at Twin Hickory Golf Club in Hornell. Twenty-four teams and forty-five sponsors participated in this year’s tournament, as well as nineteen 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 Hospital equipment and program needs.

“The ‘Friends *Fore* Mercy’ golf tournament is a well-known community tradition, and this year’s event was a great success as always,” said Sylvia Bryant, Foundation Executive Director. “The golf tournament is one of our major fundraising events. All of us at St. James Mercy are grateful for such a strong show of support from the community, sponsors and players, as well as Hospital staff and volunteers.”

This year’s corporate event sponsors were ALSTOM Transportation, Lincoln Financial Group, and Steuben Trust Co. Simmons-Rockwell Ford offered four hole-in-one prize opportunities, including the chance to win a 2013 Ford Fusion SE. Additional sponsors and prize donors for the event may be found at www.stjamesmercy.org/foundation-golf.

Twin Hickory PGA professional Bryce Ingalls was available to hit team drives for a \$10 donation to the Foundation. Additional funds were raised with two drawings courtesy of Time Warner Media/Melissa Meyer for a Yankees game package (won by Roxann Hall) and PlayStation 3 (won by Mark Darrow). Fran Cardamone won the 50/50 cash raffle.

With a score of 60, the winning team was comprised of Kevin Scott, Ed Amore, Steve Biancuzzo, and Chuck LaFlaur. Second place with a score of 62 included team Brian Schu, Jim Sexton, Fran Cardamone and Jimmy Sexton. Women’s closest to the pin was won by Kate Kreger and men’s closest to the pin by Jimmy Sexton. Women’s longest drive was won by Mary McInerney and men’s longest drive by Ed Amore. Skins winners included teams Scott, Howard and McInerney.

Plans already are underway for the 2014 “Friends *Fore* Mercy” tournament. For information on next year’s event as it becomes available or to volunteer, contact St. James Mercy Foundation at 607-324-8240 (LGardner@sjmh.org).

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The winning team of St. James Mercy Foundation's annual "Friends Fore Mercy" golf tournament shot 60 at the June 14 event at Twin Hickory Golf Club. Pictured are team members (left) Steve Biancuzzo, Ed Amore, Chuck LaFlaur and Kevin Scott.