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11th Annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy” Golf Tournament Raises Over \$33,000 for St. James Mercy Foundation

October 6, 2014...Hornell, NY...The 11th annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy golf tournament to benefit St. James Mercy Foundation raised \$33,646 at the event held Friday, September 26, at Twin Hickory Golf Club in Hornell. Twenty-six teams and forty-eight sponsors participated in this year’s tournament, as well as twenty-two 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 to report that the proceeds from this year’s tournament surpassed 2013 by \$10,000,” said Sylvia Bryant, Foundation Executive Director. “That is indicative of the ongoing tremendous support for St. James Mercy. As we transform to a new model of care, we’re grateful to the community for its steadfast support for local healthcare services.”

This year’s “Friends *Fore* Mercy” corporate event sponsors were ALSTOM Transportation, Community Broadcasters, Lincoln Financial Group, Bonadio Group, Pike Company, and University of Rochester. Maple City Dodge offered four hole-in-one prize opportunities, including the chance to win a 2014 Chrysler 200. Additional sponsors and prize donors may be found at www.stjamesmercy.org/foundation-golf.

Additional funds were raised with two contests and drawings for a Syracuse Orange game package (won by Jim Battersby; donated by Time Warner Media/Melissa Meyer); Kindle DX and \$100 Visa card (won by Pete Peters; donated by Ken Richmond and John Carroll); 32” flat screen TV (won by Dottie Harrington; donated by MercyLine by Doyle); and \$100 Visa card (won by Nicholas Monaghan; donated by Ken Richmond and John Carroll). Ken Richmond won the 50/50 cash raffle and donated the money back to St. James Mercy Foundation.

With a score of **58**, the first-place team was comprised of Nathan Clark, Pete Peters, Nick Clark, and Tony Dickson. Second-place with a score of **61** included Jim Sullivan, Steve Snyder, Dan Rauber, and Mike Perry. Women’s closest to the pin was won by Mary McInerney and men’s closest to the pin by **Jimmy Sexton**. Women’s longest drive was won by Kate Kreger and men’s longest drive by **Ed Amore**.

“We sincerely appreciate the many sponsors and players who came out for this year’s Friends *Fore* Mercy golf tournament, as well as Hospital staff and volunteers who worked diligently to make it a great success,” said Bryant.

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The winning team of St. James Mercy Foundation's annual "Friends Fore Mercy" golf tournament shot 58 at the September 26 event at Twin Hickory Golf Club. Pictured is the winning team from Clark Oil.