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14th Annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy” Golf Tournament Raises \$36,000+ for St. James Mercy Foundation

September 21, 2017...Hornell, NY...The 14th annual “Friends *Fore* Mercy golf tournament to benefit St. James Mercy Foundation raised more than \$36,000 at the event held Friday, September 8, at Twin Hickory Golf Club in Hornell. Twenty-eight teams and thirty-one 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 very appreciative of the continued support this tournament receives and the dollars raised each year,” 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” title sponsor was Steuben Trust Company, along with a number of other sponsors: ALSTOM Transportation, Doyle Security, Razak Associates, UR Medicine, Bob Blauers-Remax, Big Fox & Kickin Country, Marsh USA, and SJMH Medical Staff. Simmons Rockwell Ford offered a hole-in-one prize with an opportunity to win \$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 Abby Harkin); Syracuse University Basketball Tickets donated by Spectrum Reach/Melissa Meyer (won by Jessica Patton); Samsung Galaxy Tab (won by Vivian Woodworth) also donated by Spectrum Reach/Melissa Meyer; and a Remote Car Starter (won by Kathy Woodworth). Shawn Griffin won the 50/50 cash raffle which he donated back to the Foundation.

With a score of 58, the first-place team, Clark Oil included Nate Clark, Tony Dickson, Pete Peters, and Nick Clark. First-place mixed team from Simmons Rockwell with a score of 61 included Lisa Schwartz, Roger Payne, Pierre Meldrum, and Michael Sciotti. Women’s closest to the pin was won by Jen Sullivan and men’s closest to the pin by Pete Peters. Women’s longest drive was won by Kate Kreger and men’s longest drive by Tony Dickson.

“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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Team Simmons Rockwell Ford (left) won 1st Place Mixed Team with a score of 61, and Team Clark Oil took 1st Place with a score of 58 at the St. James Mercy Foundation's annual "Friends Fore Mercy" golf tournament at the September 8th event at Twin Hickory Golf Club.