



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: William Allstetter
303.398.1002
AllstetterW@njhealth.org

19th Annual Fund to Cure Asthma Golf Tournament Raises Over \$230,000 for National Jewish Health, the Leading Respiratory Hospital in the Nation
More than 70 Guests Enjoyed a Day of Golf at the Old Oaks Country Club

PURCHASE, NY – More than 70 guests attended the 2015 Fund to Cure Asthma Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, at the Old Oaks Country Club. The event raised over \$230,000 to support asthma research and patient treatment programs at National Jewish Health, the leading respiratory hospital in the nation.

The Fund to Cure Asthma Golf Tournament, rescheduled from June because of inclement weather, included a day of golf; awards; a hole-in-one prize of a Rolex watch; brunch, barbecue, evening cocktails and a dinner buffet; presentations and a silent auction.

Leadership for the 2015 tournament included Co-Chairs and National Jewish Health Trustees Robert Helpern, founding partner of Tannenbaum, Helpern, Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP; Stephen Siegel, chairman of CBRE's Global Brokerage; and Chairman Emeritus Samuel Lewis, of SBL Property Consultants LLC.

The Fund to Cure Asthma was founded in 1994 by National Jewish Health Trustees Nancy and James Berry Hill and Marjorie and Stephen Raphael. Since its inception, the fund has raised than \$5.7 million to support the work of National Jewish Health physicians and scientists whose focus includes research, treatment and the goal of developing a cure for asthma.

More than 25 million people, including 9.6 million children, suffer from asthma in the United States. In the past 20 years, the prevalence of asthma has increased 75 percent and asthma is the number one cause of school absences attributed to a chronic condition. The condition is particularly challenging in New York, where nearly 2 million people are diagnosed with asthma.

From 2010 to 2014, National Jewish Health logged nearly 2,000 patient visits from New York residents. In addition, 22 former National Jewish Health fellows practice in New York.

In January 2015, the Mount Sinai – National Jewish Health Respiratory Institute, a collaboration between the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and National Jewish Health, opened in Manhattan. The Respiratory Institute uses the multidisciplinary approach of the National Jewish Health model to create outpatient programs that include pulmonologists and related specialists (in areas including cardiology, allergy, gastroenterology, rheumatology, ENT and thoracic surgery) working side by side to provide optimal patient-centered care. The Respiratory Institute

-MORE-

also draws on Mount Sinai's programs in personalized medicine, genomics and data-driven clinical protocols to enhance the quality and outcomes of the respiratory disease practice.

Sponsors included Marjorie and Stephen Raphael, Tournament Sponsors; CBRE and First American Title Insurance Co, Eagle Sponsors.; Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company; Direct Energy; Jacqueline and Robert Helpern; Hercules Corp.; Diane and Darryl Mallah, Birdie Sponsors; Marsha and Richard Goldberg and The Tower Group, Journal Sponsors; Kenilworth Equities Ltd.; Barbara and Bob Murray; Dennis Ratner; Sheryl and Arnold Winick, Par Sponsors; Fred Smith Plumbing & Culligan Water Conditioning and RD Management LLC, Journal Patrons; Crystal Comfort Inc. and Mc Gowan Builders, Inc., Journal Benefactors; JAD Corp. of America, Poolside/Dinner Sponsors; and Wilson & Son Jewelers.

Committee members included John Agnello, Quality Building Services, Corp.; Richard Bernstein, DTZ; Joe "Dee" Dussich, JAD Corp. of America; Bernard Friedman; Charles Feuerstein, Split Rock Realty Co.; Alfred Gallicchio, West NY Restoration of CT, Inc.; Richard Goldberg; Joel S. Hirschtritt, Tannenbaum Helpern Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP; Brian Juodzevich, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company; Philip Kraus, Fred Smith Plumbing & Culligan Water Conditioning; Richard L'Esperance Sr., Centennial Elevator; Jeffrey Liebenstein, Yellowstone Hardware Supply Corp.; David Majewski, Jerome Aluminum Product Corp.; Darryl Mallah; Tony Mamounas, The Tower Group; Andrew May, Hercules Corp.; Jeffrey Mitzner, First American Title Insurance Company; and Laurence B. Simon.

For more information about the Fund to Cure Asthma Golf Tournament, please contact Mattie L. Shephard at 212.297.0857 or ShephardM@njhealth.org, or visit FundtoCureAsthmaGolf.org.

###

National Jewish Health

National Jewish Health is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 116 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit njhealth.org.

###

-MORE-