

15th Annual Golf and Tennis Tournament at Brae Burn Country Club raises \$260,000

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DENVER — On July 18, a Who's Who of New York's real estate, financial and investment professionals took to the golf course, tennis courts and swimming pool at Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, N.Y., to raise \$260,000 for the National Jewish Health Fund to Cure Asthma.

"It was a great day," said Robert Helpern, one of five chairs of the event, which attracted 140 participants.

The National Jewish Health Fund to Cure Asthma was founded in 1994 by Nancy and James Berry Hill and Marjorie and Stephen Raphael, who experienced the devastating effects of asthma and were impressed by the level of excellence of asthma research and treatment at National Jewish Health. Since its inception, more than \$4.5 million has been raised to support the work of physicians and scientists at National Jewish Health who seek to better understand, treat and develop a cure for asthma. More than 34 million Americans, including 9.6 million children, suffer from asthma; in the past 20 years, the prevalence of asthma in America has increased 75 percent. National Jewish Health, based in Denver, has been named by *U.S. News & World Report* as the nation's #1 respiratory hospital for 14 consecutive years and is respected by physicians, scientists and patients as the global leader in asthma and other respiratory, cardiac, immune and related diseases.

The event was chaired by Robert Helpern, Tannenbaum Helpern Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP; Stephen B. Siegel, CB Richard Ellis, Inc.; Samuel Lewis, Goodstein Management, Inc.; Zeynep Inanli, Quality Building Services; and Zef Lekaj, Sportime at Randall's Island.

The tournament committee and event sponsors include Philip Kraus, Fred Smith Plumbing and Culligan Water Conditioning; Brian Juodzevich, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company; Anthony Watson, Emblem Health Inc.; Al & Andrew May, Hercules Corp.; Darryl Mallah, The Mallah Group/Icon Parking; Marjorie and Stephen Raphael; Jeffrey Mitzner, First American Title Insurance Company of NY; Jay Furman, RD Management; Jacqueline and Robert Helpern; Ed Morse, Hess Corporation; Joe "Dee" Dussich, JAD Building Maintenance Supplies; Jack Irushlami, Tri-Star Construction Corp.; Marsha and Richard Goldberg; Nick & Tony Mamounas, The Tower Group; Matthew Durnan, Durnan Group Inc.; Lee Feld, Feld Real Estate Inc.; Lawrence Kestin, Glenmont Capital Management LLC; Eric Rothfield; Vicki and Rick Birdoff; Robert Morrow, Kenilworth Equities Ltd.; Theodore Sgouros, M&M Plumbing and Heating; Jill and Sandy Sirulnick; and Roger Soo, NL Financial Alliance and Manhattan Mercedes Benz.

Each year, hundreds of patients from the tri-state area travel to National Jewish Health in Denver seeking treatment from world-renowned specialists. Founded in 1899 as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health remains the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to these disorders. Since 1998, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked National Jewish Health the #1 respiratory hospital in the nation.

For more information about National Jewish Health, visit njhealth.org; more information about the Fund to Cure Asthma Golf and Tennis Tournament is at fundtocureasthmagolf.org.

National Jewish Health is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 120 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 the media resources page.

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