

Golf Tournament Raises Nearly \$230,000 for Asthma Cure

Benefits The Fund to Cure Asthma at National Jewish Health

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New York, NY — Nearly 2 million New Yorkers live with asthma. Within the city, asthma-related emergency department and hospital discharge rates are higher than anywhere else in the nation. For 20 years, the annual Golf Tournament in New York has supported the Fund to Cure Asthma at National Jewish Health, the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. This summer's tournament on June 13, 2016 at Fresh Meadow Lake Country Club raised nearly \$230,000 bringing the tournament's 20 year total to more than \$6 million.



*The New York real estate industry once again showed strong support for National Jewish Health at the 20th Annual Golf Tournament and Cocktails at Fresh Meadow Country Club on June 13. Tournament Co-Chairs (left to right), **Robert Helpern**, Founding Partner of Tannenbaum, Helpern, Syracuse & Hirschtritt; **Stephen Siegel**, Chairman of CB Richard Ellis' Global Brokerage; and longtime Chairman Emeritus, **Samuel Lewis**, SBL Property Consultants, LLC, helped raise more than \$220,000 for the nation's leading respiratory hospital.*

"The Fund to Cure Asthma was first established in 1994 to raise money for research at National Jewish Health with the objective to understand, treat and eventually conquer asthma," said Event Co-Chair Bob Helpern.

The Fund was established by Marjorie and Stephen Raphael, and Nancy and Jim Berry Hill, with the goal of raising \$14 million to help the millions of children and adults worldwide with this challenging disease.

Just shy of 90 golfers hit the links for the event while twenty-five attendees savored time in the pool and lounge area at the club. All participants enjoyed cocktails and a buffet dinner.

This year's tournament honored Samuel B. Lewis, event chair emeritus, who has led the tournament for two decades.

"National Jewish Health has practiced its collaborative and compassionate model of care from its campus in Denver for 117 years," Lewis said. "For the past 20 years, I have been waiting for this tremendous institution to open its doors in New York City, and now it has. Since January 2015, it has collaborated with one of the best medical schools in the nation, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. They have created a world-class destination in New York for patients suffering from asthma, COPD and other lung diseases."

The Mount Sinai – National Jewish Health Respiratory Institute has logged more than 21,000 patient visits since its opening. Physicians at the Institute provide a level of care for lung disease that was not previously available in the New York Metropolitan Area or on the Northeast Corridor. More information is available at therespiratoryinstitute.org.

Lewis, along with Co-Chairs Helpern and Stephen B. Siegel, headed the tournament. Committee members included John Agnello, Quality Building Services Corp.; Michael Bendjouya, C.C. Controlled Combustion Co. Inc.; Richard

Bernstein, Cushman & Wakefield; John Catsimatidis, Red Apple Group; Joe “Dee” Dussich, JAD Corp. of America; Bernard Friedman, Friedman Management Co.; Michael Helpern, CBRE Capital Markets, Inc.; 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, Centennial Elevator Industries Inc.; Adam Lewis, DH Capital, LLC; Jeffrey Liebenstein, Yellowstone Hardware Supply Corp.; David Majewski, Jerome Aluminum Product Corp.; Darryl Mallah, The Mallah Group/Icon Parking; Tony Mamounas, The Tower Group; Andrew May, Hercules Corp.; Patrick J. Mc Gowan, Mc Gowan Builders, Inc.; Jeffrey Mitzner, First American Title Company; Jack Saltz; Laurence B. Simon; Robert Welch, Direct Energy; and Arnie Winick.

For more information about the Golf Tournament or other National Jewish Health events in the New York area, contact Mattie L. Shephard at 212.297.0857 or ShephardM@njhealth.org. You can also visit the event page at fundtocureasthmagolf.org.

National Jewish Health is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 123 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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