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**Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI)
Holds First Annual Golf Classic**

NEW HARTFORD, N.Y. – On Monday, August 28, 2023, MMRI hosted its first annual charitable golf tournament at the Yahundasis Golf Club, New Hartford, New York, in honor of its 65th anniversary. The proceeds benefit the organization’s innovative work in cardiovascular, neurocognitive and autoimmunity research.

Twenty-five foursomes played 18 holes of golf, captain and crew style, while competing for the best overall score, longest drive (men’s, women’s and senior’s) and closest to the pin (men’s and women’s). Players also had access to the driving range and enjoyed a cocktail hour followed by dinner and an awards presentation.

With the help of its sponsors and players, the inaugural tournament raised \$88,000 for MMRI.

“The event would not have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors and foursomes,” said Stephen Izzo, development director at MMRI. “We are truly grateful for their unwavering support.”

The list of sponsors include:

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- David Schneeweiss in honor of Robert Hewson, DPM and the MMRI Board of Directors
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MMRI also thanks the additional donations received and the many in-kind gift sponsors.

To view more photos of the event and learn about next year's tournament, visit MMRI.edu/golf.

Photos attached:

-Tournament Proceeds Check Presentation (left to right): Maria Kontaridis, Ph.D., executive director, Gordon K. Moe professor and chair of biomedical research and translational medicine at MMRI, Robert Hewson, DPM, board president at MMRI, Millie Occhionero, director of marketing and communications at MMRI.

-MMRI Golf Sign

-All foursomes at start of tournament

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- Volunteers at tournament registration

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