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**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup**  
**The NHC Foundation's Golf Outing Drives**  
**Major Support for Sensory Garden**

LOCH SHELDRAKE (June 3, 2019)– The NHC Foundation's popular Wallace Berkowitz Cup Golf Tournament returned to picturesque West Hills Country Club, in Middletown, NY on May 20<sup>th</sup> for an exceptional day of golf and fellowship. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the event raised more than \$50,000, to benefit the creation of an innovative Sensory Garden at New Hope Community's Loch Sheldrake location.

A sell-out crowd of 140 golfers took part in this fun-filled outing on a picture-perfect day. At check in, each golfer was presented with a golf shirt and golf shoes, and enjoyed breakfast, mingling and a cigar rolling station. After a full day of golfing, they enjoyed an awards dinner where the following winners were recognized:

Winning Team: Gene Kelly, Bobby Mapes, Jared Kaufman and Dylan Dembeck

Most Honest Team: Sandy Goldstein, Dean Schaffer, Ken Weigand and Rich Lawrence

Longest Drive: Jordan Kubenik and Nolan Levine

Closest to the Pin: Jay G.

Custom PING Golf Set Raffle Winner:: Taylor Van Keuren

The fundraising event was supported by many generous donors and sponsors including Platinum Sponsor level sponsor, Arthur J. Gallagher, and Event Sponsors M & M Auto Group and Sterling National Bank.

The Outing honors the memory of the late Wallace Berkowitz, CPA, a longtime New Hope Community Board Member and champion of the organization.

New Hope Community Chief Executive Officer Debbie McGinness thanked everyone who joined in this record-breaking day of golf and goodwill. “We are tremendously grateful to our sponsors and the many friends who participated on this beautiful day, both on and off the course.”

“Thanks to your generous support, we will be able to move forward on our new Sensory Garden, which will be a peaceful, comforting space for everyone who visits,” she said. The natural garden space will address all five senses, with plantings, pathways and resting places designed to calm and comfort individuals -- including those on the autism spectrum – who may have heightened sensitivity to environmental stressors, such as excessive noise, activity, or crowds.

To learn more about the Sensory Garden and how the innovative not-for-profit organization is changing the lives of hundreds of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, visit [newhopecommunity.org](http://newhopecommunity.org).

### **About New Hope Community**

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing support for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. Services include clinical and nursing care, day programming, education and recreation, leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and more. The agency has always maintained a person-centered approach aimed at enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, and actively advocates for individual choice in a person’s efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community presently supports and serves over 300 individuals and is a leading employer in Sullivan County, with more than 650 staff. Learn more at [www.newhopecommunity.org](http://www.newhopecommunity.org).

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