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North Suburban YMCA Raises over \$38k at Inaugural Community Strong Golf Outing To Fortify Its Future

Northbrook, IL; July 2021: The North Suburban YMCA recently hosted its inaugural Community Strong Golf Outing and Patio Party, a first-of-its-kind golf classic and fundraising event. The outing was held at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling as community members, YMCA volunteers, and staff joined corporate sponsors and friends to raise over \$38,000. The Y's 2021 Community Strong fundraising events help provide financial assistance to make Y programs accessible to families in need, and help raise charitable dollars to fortify the Y's future to do its mission work in the community.

"I am deeply appreciative to all the participants and sponsors of our Community Strong Golf Outing. We are also immensely grateful to Northwestern Medicine and Allstate for their continued support and generosity which help our families thrive," said Kathy Fielding, CEO of the North Suburban YMCA. "Our goal is to inspire our community with this amazing Community Strong fundraiser kick-off. As the Y continues to adapt and serve our neighbors with our mission of social responsibility, healthy living, and youth development, the Y's presence will continue to increase opportunities for everyone to join in, regardless of income, age, or background."

Following a day of golf with over 130 participants, a closing reception and patio party sponsored by Allstate was held to celebrate the outcome of the fundraising event and

recognize the top foursome tournament winners. Taking home a trophy and prizes for lowest team score were Howard Schultz (former CEO/President of the NSYMCA), Ron Goldblatt, Clark Fideler, and Kevin Braude. Other contest winners included longest drive by David Nyren and closest to the pin by Mike Bradley from Palocity. The Y also awarded the “duffer” prize to the highest score foursome “winners,” Northbrook residents Liz Chmiel, Jocelyn Garner, Lisa Rudisel, and Chris Murphy.

The golf outing was the first phase of the Y’s Community Strong Fundraising event of 2021. Other plans include a week-long celebration with a live virtual event on August 22, a week-long auction, and inspirational videos. The week will culminate with a “Dinner under the Stars” Casino night featuring live music, a dining experience from Jordan’s Food of Distinction, and an open bar on Saturday August 28 at 6pm. Tickets to the “Dinner under the Stars” can be purchased by contacting Kim Nyren, knyren@nsymca.org. Featured sponsors include Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Northwestern Medicine, Illinois Bone & Joint, Allstate, Wintrust Banks, Waterway Carwash, First Bank of Highland Park, and more.

“The inaugural Community Strong Golf Outing was an experience I’ll never forget. It is truly an honor to be a part of the Y organization as we continue to strengthen our community and fortify our future,” said Cathy Gregory, NSYMA Board Chair.

The Community Strong Golf Outing included over 40 old and new sponsors including the Title Sponsor - Northwestern Medicine; Patio Party Sponsor - Allstate; Chipping Contest Sponsor - John Tunnell, Allstate Agent; and Beat the Pro Sponsor - PGA Tour Superstore Vernon Hills. Additional sponsors included: MediaOcean, Tropical Smoothie Café – Glenview, Bach to Rock, Norwood Builders, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Sunset Foods, Illinois Bone & Joint, Wintrust Banks, WLS-FM/WLS-AM, 101.1 WKQX, Palocity, Restore Wellness, State Farm – The Vasey Team, BankFinancial, Reebie Movers, VisoGraphics, Hill & Stone, Vedder Price, Greengard Engineering, Stumm Insurance, and over 20 more.

“In light of the pandemic, the Y needs the community’s support now more than ever,” said Fielding. “We’re committed to delivering breakthrough programming to all, regardless of ability, age, background, income, ethnicity, race, faith, ideology, national origin, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.”

To learn more about ways to support the NSYMCA, contact Kim Nyren, knyren@nsymca.org. For “Dinner Under the Stars” ticket and sponsorship information, visit the North Suburban YMCA's website at <https://www.nsymca.org/communitystrong>.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The North Suburban YMCA services Northbrook and 14 surrounding communities with programs and tools that help its residents become healthier, more connected, and confident, ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. The NSYMCA focuses on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social

Responsibility and is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, inclusive and welcoming to all in our community. Learn more at NSYMCA.org.



Caption: The North Suburban YMCA's inaugural Community Strong Golf Outing and Patio Party was held at the Chevy Chase Country Club on July 22, raising over \$38k to help fortify the future of the Y. Shown here are First Place Golf Outing Winners (from left) Howard Schultz, Ron Goldblatt, Clark Fideler, and Kevin Braude.