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Women's Golf Tournament Honors Dorothy Hamill **Provides Free Mammograms for Area Women in Need**

WATERBURY, Conn. (May 18, 2009) – The Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce it is naming its women's golf tournament, to be held **Monday, June 8** at the Country Club of Waterbury, the *Dorothy Hamill Women Fore Women* golf tournament, in honor of the Olympic Gold medalist. Ms. Hamill will serve once again this year as honorary chairperson for the event.

Last year, more than 150 women participated in the first annual *Women Fore Women* tournament, raising more than \$50,000 for the Mammography Fund at Saint Mary's Hospital, which will provide free mammograms to hundreds of women throughout the Greater Waterbury area who would otherwise not have access to them.

Due to popular demand, a second flight has been added for this year's event, at the new Country Club of Waterbury venue. Tickets for the 7:30 a.m. flight are still available, but the afternoon flight, which tees off at 1:30 p.m., has sold out.

“We are so pleased to have the support of Dorothy Hamill, who is a breast cancer survivor, for this tournament, which provides a very real and valuable service for the women in our community.” said Lezlye Zupkus, director of development for the Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation. “Every woman who participates in the *Women Fore Women* tournament actually provides two free mammograms for other women in need.”

She noted the foundation is especially pleased to have **Chris Geraghty of Southbury** and **Mary Wiatr of Woodbury** as the event co-chairs once again this year. Geraghty is an instructor at Naugatuck Valley Community College in the Arts and Humanities Department. She is an avid golfer and former chairperson of the 18-hole golf group at the Country Club of Waterbury. She and her husband, Jim Geraghty of Webster Bank, have two children.

Mary Wiatr is a national marketing executive with Deloitte & Touche. She, too, is an avid golfer and former chairperson of the women's 18-hole golf group at Waterbury. She and her husband, Fran, live in Woodbury with their two children.

The fee to participate in the *Women Fore Women* tournament is \$150 per golfer. Golfers of all levels are welcome, but registration is limited. The day will conclude with a cocktail reception and awards presentation.

To register for the tournament, or for information about sponsorship opportunities, please call the Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation at (203) 709-3761 or visit www.stmh.org/golf.

Caption: Mary Wiatr of Woodbury, left, and Chris Geraghty of Southbury, right, co-chairs for the "Women Fore Women Golf Tournament" with honorary chairperson and Olympic Gold Medalist, Dorothy Hamill, at last year's event. This year's tournament will be held on Monday, June 8 at the Country Club of Waterbury and will once again benefit the Mammography Fund at Saint Mary's Hospital.

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