Coca-Cola Kaulbach Golf Classic raises more than $135,000 to support Bridgeport Hospital cancer services

FAIRFIELD, CT (Oct. 1, 2013) – A total of 118 golfers took part in the 33rd annual Coca-Cola Kaulbach Memorial Golf Classic Sept. 12 at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield and raised more than $135,000 to support cancer services provided by Bridgeport Hospital.

“On behalf of our cancer patients, their families and the hospital staff, we are deeply grateful to all those who planned and participated in this year’s Golf Classic,” said Steve Jakab, president of the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation. “Their support will help bolster the high quality cancer services we provide to the community.”

The proceeds will help fund an oncology chaplaincy service for cancer patients and their families, the Agnes W. and Ernest W. Kaulbach Visiting Nurse Professor program, and two programs for cancer survivors, Celebrate Life and Moving Forward.

The winning foursome included Robert Folman, MD, of Easton, co-medical director of Bridgeport Hospital’s Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute; radiologist Alan Kaye, MD, of Westport; radiation oncologist Bruce McGibbon, MD, of New York; and golf committee member Marc Campano of Hamden, director of development for Vitas Healthcare and Vitas Innovation Hospice Care.

Already one of the longest-running charity golf tournaments in Connecticut, the Coca-Cola Kaulbach Classic is the legacy of its founder, Ernie Kaulbach, an avid golfer, businessman and philanthropist, who died of cancer in 1996. Since 2000, the Classic has raised more than $1 million to support cancer services at Bridgeport Hospital.

The Coca-Cola Kaulbach Golf Committee is chaired by Ed Santa of Shelton. In addition to Campano, other members are Christina Bodine of Fairfield; Ted D’Eramo and Mike Marcinek of Seymour; former Fairfield resident Austin Felis, who now resides in Manchester, VT; Dave Galla, Joe Haley and Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute Co-Medical Director Scott Thornton, MD, all of Trumbull; Brian Curry of East Hartford; and Brad Worthington of Easton. Also on the committee is Paul Fitzgerald, representing title sponsor Coca-Cola Refreshments.

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The Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute at Bridgeport Hospital provides care to over 1,000 newly diagnosed cancer patients each year, more than any other hospital in Fairfield County. The hospital is a member of the Yale-New Haven Cancer Network, an alliance of hospitals across Connecticut that provides access to the latest breakthroughs and delivers an unparalleled level of expertise in cancer, prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Bridgeport Hospital continues to expand its services for cancer patients at the hospital’s main campus in Bridgeport and elsewhere in the community. During the past year, the hospital opened its new Trumbull Radiation Oncology Center at 5520 Park Avenue. The Center will join other planned and existing services at the same site to form a comprehensive outpatient satellite cancer center.

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Photo caption: Bridgeport Hospital Foundation President Steve Jakab (far left) with the winning foursome (l-r) radiation oncologist Bruce McGibbon, MD; Marc Campano, director of development for Vitas Healthcare and Vitas Home Hospices care; radiologist Alan Kaye, MD; and medical oncologist Robert Folman, MD, co-medical director of Bridgeport Hospital’s Norma F. Pfriem Cancer Institute.