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## **McHugh Named Honorary Chair of Hospital for Special Care 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ivan Lendl Golf Classic**

**NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (January 14, 2019)** – The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual [Hospital for Special Care \(HSC\) Ivan Lendl Golf Classic](#) has named Larry McHugh, president of the [Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce](#), honorary chairman of this year's event. The May 20, 2019 event will be held at the [TPC River Highlands](#) in Cromwell, home of the award-winning Travelers Championship and one of the premier golf courses in Connecticut. Each year the tournament raises funds for the HSC Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp and year-round adaptive sports programs. More than \$2 million has been raised to support these programs through the Ivan Lendl Golf Classic over the past 23 years.



“Our first year hosting the HSC Ivan Lendl Golf Classic at TPC River Highlands was a phenomenal, sold-out success, raising more than \$168,000 for our adaptive sports programs,” said Lynn Ricci, FACHE, president and CEO of HSC. “With Larry’s energy and positive attitude, I know we can go even further this year to support our athletes. Coach McHugh understands the critical importance sports can have in the health and well-being of athletes of all ages and abilities.”

The Ivan Lendl Golf Classic is part of an impressive line-up of spring events at TPC River Highlands that benefit HSC programs and services. The April 27, 2019 Mahoney Sabol 5k at the Travelers Championship and the Travelers Championship, June 19-23, 2019 help support the HSC ALS Center of Excellence.

“I can’t imagine a more passionate ambassador than Larry. He has been a champion for HSC through the years and we are so pleased to be able to recognize his contributions at the tournament this year,” said Ricci. “We are also grateful to Ivan Lendl and our master of ceremonies Bob Maxon, NBC Connecticut, as well to titanium sponsor Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc., our platinum sponsor Webster Bank and all of the sponsors who will make this year’s event a success.”

“Hospital for Special Care understands quality and commitment to community. They take great care of their patients and go above and beyond in the community through programs like adaptive sports and the Manes and Motions Therapeutic Riding Center,” said McHugh. “I am truly honored to be recognized at this year’s golf classic but the real champions are the athletes that compete in HSC’s track and field, basketball, swimming, soccer and other sports events at the annual HSC Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp and in year-round programs.”

HSC is also pleased to recognize gold sponsors Downes Construction and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tolland Fund. For more information about the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual HSC Ivan Lendl Golf Classic, contact Linda Glovna at the Hospital for Special Care Foundation at 860-612-6312, [Lglovna@hsfc.org](mailto:Lglovna@hsfc.org) or visit [www.hfsc.org](http://www.hfsc.org).

### **About Hospital for Special Care**

[Hospital for Special Care](http://www.hfsc.org) (HSC) is the fourth largest, free-standing long-term acute care hospital in the U.S. and the only one in the nation serving adults and children. HSC is recognized for advanced care and rehabilitation in pulmonary care, acquired brain injury, medically-complex pediatrics, neuromuscular disorders including ALS research, spinal cord injury, comprehensive heart failure and comprehensive inpatient and outpatient treatment for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder.

The [Hospital for Special Care Ivan Lendl Adaptive Sports Camp](http://www.hfsc.org) is a day camp offered annually for youth ages 6-19 living with physical disabilities. Campers are provided instruction in a variety of adaptive sports. Specialized adaptive equipment, including sport wheelchairs, allow for individualized accommodation to meet variable levels of independence and ability. Year-round adaptive sports programs at HSC give both children and adults the opportunity to participate in both competitive and recreational sports and fitness programs.

Located in New Britain and Hartford, CT, HSC operates inpatient and outpatient facilities serving Southern New England and the Tri-State area on a not-for-profit basis. For the latest news and information, please visit [www.hfsc.org](http://www.hfsc.org), and follow us on Facebook @HospitalforSpecialCare and Twitter @HospSpecialCare.

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