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Unity House Staff and Consumers Participate in United Way's Spring 2009 Fundraiser at Holiday Inn



Unity House staff, consumers at United Way fundraiser

AUBURN – Consumers from the Recreation Center service of Unity House's Auburn day habilitation program joined seven agency program directors and staff from 2:30 to 9:30 pm Wednesday, March 25, 2009 as volunteers at the United Way of Cayuga County's 16th annual mini-golf tournament fundraiser held at the Holiday Inn in Auburn.

The annual, springtime event is a primary fundraiser for the United Way as it undertakes a new year of community activity aimed at reaching its 2009 fundraising goals. United Way of Cayuga County allocates monies from its annual efforts to the women's and children's program at Unity House's G.R.A.C.E. House Supportive Living Services.

The popular tournament drew about 400 community participants in organized foursomes that putted for prizes at each of the event's 19 holes. Each hole was designed and managed by teams of United Way agencies and local and regional businesses.

Unity House consumers and staff were paired with the Holiday Inn at this year's event in overseeing its 19th hole activity. As with past tournaments, the 19th hole this year represented the event's bonus hole whereby golfers, upon finishing putting at the first 18 holes, make an additional donation to United Way for the chance to score a hole-in-one and earn a complimentary event prize. This year's participation at the 19th hole by participating golfers was high with many golfers contributing additional donations to help further the United Way's mission.

In addition to Unity House, United Way agencies taking part in this year's fundraiser included Cato Meridian / Cayuga Health Association, Neighborhood House, Girl Scouts/Literacy Volunteers, Options for Independence, Booker T. Washington Center, CHAD, SCAT Van, Cayuga Counseling, Boy Scouts, E. John Gavras, Hospice, Seneca-Cayuga ARC, Aurora of CNY, Cayuga Home for Children, Catholic Charities, the Child Care Council, Auburn YMCA, Auburn chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army / Freedom Rec.

They were paired with 2009 tournament hole sponsors A & M vacuum, Auburn Party Rental, Bass Pro, TLC Medical Services, Auburn Firefighters Local 1446, Welch Allyn, Beardsley Design, Savannah Bank, Auburn Doubledays, Tompkins Trust Company, the Auburn CITIZEN, Auburn Correctional facility, Johnston Paper, Wegmans, First Niagara, Cayuga Correctional, Nucor, Owens-Brockway, Finger Lakes SCUBA, and the Holiday Inn.