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COARC GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION IN FULL SWING

Mellenville, New York: With a little luck, one skilled golfer can win a Toyota Camry in the hole-in-one contest sponsored by Kinderhook Toyota at the COARC OpportuniTees Gerald J. Dieffenbach Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th at Columbia Golf & Country Club, 295 Route 217 in Claverack. Funds raised at this event will benefit COARC programs for individuals who are experiencing disabilities. Now in its third year, the tournament honors the memory of former COARC board president and avid golfer Gerald J. Dieffenbach.

Registration is \$120 for each golfer who pays by August 20th and \$140 on August 21st until the September 3rd deadline. Registration includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch and refreshments during play, and cocktails and dinner following play. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament is a four-person scramble. Prizes will be awarded for the putting contest, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and first, second and third place gross scoring teams, plus first place net scoring team. The hole-in-one contest is sponsored by Kinderhook Toyota, MetzWood Harder Insurance and Price Chopper. A golfer registration form is available at www.coarc.org or 518-672-4451.

Rowlands+Barranca Agency, Inc. is the Platinum sponsor of the tournament. Rose and Kiernan, Inc. and CDPHP are Silver sponsors. Bronze sponsors include Ghent Wood Products, Inc. and Now Solutions, Inc. Refreshments during play are sponsored by Jeff Gabriels, Ed Zaik, AXA Advisors, David Harris Electrical Contracting, Inc., and Gregg's Handyman Service. Crawford & Associates will sponsor the cocktail hour, while Bailey, Haskell & LaLonde will sponsor the personalized tournament memento for each player.

The 2009 COARC OpportuniTees Golf Tournament Committee is chaired by Annette Dennis and includes COARC board members and community volunteers Karen M. Blass, Diana Coughlin, Mary Ann Harris, Michael C. Howard, Edna A. Knabbe, Stephen E. Nelson, Joseph Raco, Jr., Barbara G. Roemer, Michael Rybka, Andrew Small, Patricia Stockman, Richard Van Alphen, Sr., Dorothy Wheeler and Nathan Winch.

COARC is a Columbia County not-for-profit organization whose mission is expanding abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals. Established in 1965, COARC provides an array of services and programs that benefit more than 500 individuals. COARC is primarily supported through state and federal funding, and also by individual and corporate members, donors and other foundations. Information about COARC employment, program services, donation opportunities and membership is available at www.COARC.org or 518-672-4451.

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