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Golf OpportuniTees

Mellenville, NY: The 5th annual Coarc OpportuniTees Gerald J. Dieffenbach Memorial Golf Tournament supports Coarc programs and services for individuals experiencing disabilities. Honoring former Coarc Board President and avid golfer Gerald J. Dieffenbach, the tournament is Thursday, September 15th at Columbia Golf & Country Club, 295 Route 217 in Claverack.

Registration is \$115 for each golfer and includes the greens fee, golf cart, lunch and refreshments during play, and cocktails and dinner following play. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. 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, plus first, second and third place gross scoring teams. Registration information is available at www.coarc.org or 518-672-4451. The tournament's rain date is Thursday, September 22nd.

Rose & Kiernan, Inc. is the Platinum Sponsor of the tournament. Dopkins & Company, LLP is the Silver Sponsor. CDPHP, Mid-Hudson Cable, Rapport Meyers LLP, Tip Top Furniture/America's Mattress, Ghent Wood Products, Inc. and Meltz Lumber Company are Bronze Sponsors. Jeff Gabriels, Ed Zaik and AXA Advisors sponsor the cocktail hour. Enterprise Fleet Management, Kinderhook Bank, Liberty Mutual and Todd Farrell's Car Care Center sponsor the beverage cart and driving range shuttle. David Harris Electrical Contracting, Inc. and Gregg's Handyman Service sponsor refreshments during play at the Snack Shack. Hole-in-one contests are sponsored by Kinderhook Toyota and Metz Wood Harder Insurance and Price Chopper. Media sponsors are Cruisin' 93.5, The Cat 98.5 and 1230 WHUC. Many businesses and donors have sponsored flags and tee signage to raise funds for Coarc programs. Other businesses contributed prizes for raffles to be sold at the tournament to raise more funds. New to the event this year is a silent auction of authentic, hand-signed sports memorabilia and collectibles.

Coarc is a Columbia County, NY, nonprofit organization serving 500 individuals. Its mission is to expand abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals. Coarc provides vocational and employment services, residential and supportive community services, day activity programs, service coordination, legal and family support services, children's services, community habilitation, respite services, recreation opportunities, traumatic brain injury services and contract manufacturing. Coarc is supported through state and federal funding, and by individual and corporate members, donors and foundations. It is a chapter of NYSARC, Inc. More information is available at www.coarc.org or 518-672-4451.

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L to R: Coarc Executive Director Ken Stall, Coarc OppportuniTees Committee volunteers Nate Winch and Andrew Small, and Brennen Parker of Platinum Sponsor Rose & Kiernan, Inc. will all golf in the Coarc OppportuniTees Tournament on September 15th at Columbia Golf & Country Club, pictured here during last year's event.