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The Community Fund raises over \$200,000 at its 31st Annual Golf Outing **Written by Donna Ruhanen, Marketing Chair**

The Community Fund of Bronxville Eastchester Tuckahoe, Inc. hosted its 31st Annual Golf Outing on Monday, May 8th at Siwanoy Country Club. The event was a tremendous success with 128 participants, including players from **Grand Sponsors Pepe Auto Group and the Raffiani Family Foundation**.

In addition to golf, new this year a Ladies Tennis Event was added “to expand the event’s reach in the community” noted David Scalzo, Co-Chair of the outing along with Robert Castano. The Tennis Event, sponsored by **Cognitive Assessment Services** was chaired by Cece Heraty and Tara Bacigalupo and hosted 26 participants for a morning round robin play, followed by lunch. The combined events grossed over \$200,000 which will enable The Community Fund (the Fund) along with the money’s raised from its Annual Fall Campaign, to provide much needed grants to non-profit organizations providing critical services across the Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe communities.

For golfers the day kicked off with lunch and an exciting qualifying round for the putting competition. A scramble play format followed, complete with prizes and hole-in-one contests. Thanks to our generous Hole-in-One sponsors, **Comizio Orthodontics and Pepe Auto Group**, a \$10,000 cash prize awaited golfers at one hole and a choice of Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Infiniti or Cadillac awaited them at the other. Stunning automobiles were also on display thanks to Mercedes-Benz of White Plains; Mercedes-Benz of New Rochelle; Porsche of Larchmont; Pepe Cadillac and Pepe Infiniti.

Although no one was able to make that hole-in-one, which has eluded golfers now for 31 years, there were still plenty of awards to go around. The “First Place Winning Team” went to Joe Pepe, Sal Pepe, Robin Kirtley and Ron Sylvestri, and “Second Place” was taken by the team of Chris Gunther, David Outcalt, Troy Ruhanen and Tom Sipple. The winner of the Putting Contest, sponsored by **Strategic Wellness & Insurance Management Services** was Dave Flannery, who after an elimination round missed his attempt at the \$2500 cash prize putt!

The evening ended with cocktails, a buffet dinner and the Fund’s Annual Live and Silent Auctions, chaired by Kiri Wolfe, which offered a tremendous array of great prizes!

“We are incredibly grateful for the tremendous amount of community support we receive each year to make our golf outing a success and we especially want to acknowledge our **Grand Sponsors, Pepe Auto Group and The Raffiani Foundation** for their continued generosity.” noted Robert Castano. Board President Neal Denning added, “we are very pleased with our results and appreciate everyone who donated to, participated in and worked on the golf outing and auction.”

The 2017 Golf Committee included Committee Chairs, Robert Castano and David Scalzo; Honorary Committee Chairs, Chuck and Mark Rollins; Auction Chair, Kiri Wolfe; Committee members, Tom Andruss, Tara Bacigalupo, Margaret Colavita, Joseph G. Comizio, Neal Denning, Judy M. Foley, Thomas Giordano, Frances Harris, Cece Heraty, Kyle Inserra, Andrew Korb, Rosetta McArdle, Kevin McNeil, Doug Meyer, Katharine Outcalt, Steven R. Palm, Joe Pepe, Sal Pepe, Laura & Phil Raffiani, Sarah Reynolds, Jim Rotenberg, Martin H. Schulman, Tom Sipple, Pirkko Stechler, Frederick H. Taylor, Jeff Ungvary and Jane Vergari.

The Community Fund provides financial assistance and administrative support to non-profit organizations whose programs target the health, education and welfare needs of local residents. Last year The Community Fund allocated \$518,300 to the following agencies and programs supporting the communities of Bronxville, Bronxville 10708, Eastchester and Tuckahoe: Andrus Early Learning Center, Bereavement Center of Westchester, Cancer Support Team, Inc., The Community Flu Shot Program at Lawrence Hospital, The Counseling Center, D.A.R.E., Eastchester & Tuckahoe, Eastchester Community Action Partnership, Eastchester Senior Programs and Services, Eastchester Teen Scene, Eastchester Youth Council – Summer Theatre, Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC), Gramatan Village, Michael Frey Scholarship Awards for Graduating High School Seniors, The Maxwell Institute, The Senior Citizens Council, South East Consortium for Special Services, Tuckahoe Police Youth Programs, The Tuckahoe Trolley, Victims Assistance Services, Westchester End of Life Coalition and Wartburg.

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