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**The HARC Family Classic Golf Tournament #2
And the Hole-in-One Dinner
Friday, May 20 at Simsbury Farms**

Hartford, CT HARC is pleased to announce its second golf tournament, **The 2011 HARC Family Classic**, which will take place on Friday, May 20, at Simsbury Farms in West Simsbury, CT, as part of HARC's 60th Anniversary Celebration. From the inspiration of HARC's dynamic Golf Committee, co-chaired by Jackie Benton and Chrissy Barnard, both of Simsbury, along with Honorary co-chair, Peter Zaffino, president / CEO of **Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC**, the event's lead sponsor, the tournament is amplified by a second event this year: the **Hole-in-One Dinner**, which also takes place at Simsbury Farms, immediately following the golf tournament. Dinner attendance is completely separate from participation in the golf tournament, so that friends and supporters can tailor their participation to suit their busy schedules and their interests: come for a day of golf followed by an evening of dinner and dancing – or just come to enjoy the dinner and dancing in the evening!

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The **Hole-in-One Dinner, sponsored by Endurance Re**, is envisioned as a fun, adult night out of dinner and dancing, hosted by **NBC CT's Brad Field**, and featuring the wonderful cuisine of Attilio of Simsbury Farms. The Dinner will be buffet style with dining tables in open-air tents overlooking the beautiful course at Simsbury Farms, and will feature live and silent auctions, raffles, tournament prizes and dancing.

The HARC Family Classic, is a day of tournament style, 18-hole, four player scramble golf with a shotgun start at 12 noon, and box lunch. The players and their guests can then end the day with a beer and wine bar, and the buffet Hole-in-One Dinner, dancing and announcement of the tournament prizes and award winners starting at 5:30 pm. Registration on the day of the golf tournament will open at 10:30 am.

To quote Chrissy Barnard and Jackie Benton, Co-Chairs of the events, "We are so grateful to all the attendees from last year for their support in sustaining our mission of providing respite care for HARC's families. The HARC Family Golf Classic and the Hole-in-One Dinner will continue to raise critically needed funds essential in providing respite care to help with the complex needs of HARC's families, challenged by intellectual and related disabilities. We hope you will join us again this year, in support of HARC and its families!"

Honorary Chairs: Marion & Sal Zaffino and Peter Zaffino

Co-chairs: Jackie Benton & Chrissy Barnard

Committee Members: Sara Allan, Jennifer Hann, Mark Hann, Kelli Hermsen, Tracy James, Kelly McDonough, Jen Schulz, David Simmons, and Bob Wild.

Title Sponsors for the event (to date) are: **Guy Carpenter** and **NBC CT**

Dinner Sponsor is: **Endurance Re**

Club Sponsors (to date) are: ACE Tempest Re, Arch Reinsurance, Aspen Re, AXIS Re, Catlin Group Limited, Interim Healthcare, Eileen & Charlie Higham, Marion & Sal Zaffino and Kirsten & Peter Zaffino.

The day's schedule is as follows:

10:30 am – noon: Registration & Box Lunch
12:00 noon: Shotgun start of Golf Tournament
**5:30 pm: Wine & beer hour, Hole-in-One
buffet dinner, prizes awards and dancing.**

**For more information and to register for the events (by May 13) visit
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About HARC, Inc.

HARC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with intellectual disability and their families. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, HARC was founded in 1951 by families long before community services were available, and institutionalization was the only option. HARC is now a strong advocate for civil rights and opportunities, and a major provider of clinical and supportive services which span the entire lifetime: early intervention, respite care, family support, recreation, advocacy, employment and day programs, residential, elderly services and behavioral health and social services.

HARC currently operates 11 group homes and condominiums and 28 supported employment sites throughout Greater Hartford. HARC is a Community Investment Partner of United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut and serves Greater Hartford.

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Photo caption: Chrissy Barnard (left) and Jackie Benton (right) Co-Chairs of the HARC Family Classic Golf Tournament with Jackie's son Alex, the inspiration behind the HARC Walkathon and Golf Events.