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OCCUPATIONS, INC., PRO-AM DRIVES IN SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

MIDDLETOWN, NY – Over 100 golfers and friends, some coming from as far as the states of Virginia and Texas, joined 27 Regional Golf Pros on the greens at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge in Monroe on June 19th in support of the Occupations, Inc., Pro-Am Tournament. Mark Lye returned as the host of this fundraising event and was joined by former Washington Redskins quarterback, Joe Theismann. Theismann and Lye entertained the crowd in the morning with a golf clinic sharing some great golfing tips and humorous banter. The weather held out for a spectacular day of golfing on the links where sponsors and golfers gathered to help raise funds for this dynamic Hudson Valley human service provider!

PGA Tour Pro, Mark Lye, a long-time friend and supporter of Occupations looks forward to the Occupations Pro-Am each year and has played a significant role in helping to involve celebrities like Joe Theismann. “I enjoy helping with this event because of the cause and because I know that Occupations does so much good in this community. I always plan for this event because of the people involved and for the people it benefits. Golf is basically my way of life, but it is a vehicle for creating good and I really like to see what this event has turned into.”

In addition to giving some great golfing tips, Theismann signed autographs, posed for photos with golfers, and took great pride in being able to help an organization like Occupations, Inc., raise funds. “There used to be a time in my life where I wanted things for myself. Now I found out the power of celebrity is what you can give back. By signing a helmet, signing a football, signing a jersey, somebody pays some money for it. That means that money is going to go someplace to help someone else. Mark Lye and I talk about it and what he does and I do now is not about what we can do for our lives now, we’ve been blessed, it’s what we can do for others. ” commented Theismann.

Event Co-Chairs, Fred Dana, Vice President of Dana Distributors, and Chuck Benfer, General Manager of Cumulus Broadcasting, added some attractive contests to this year’s event, and continued with the well-received “Nebraska-Style” Scramble format designed to afford both pros and amateurs an opportunity to win prizes. The team from Dana Distributors, took home the Pro-Am Cup Trophy this

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year. The defending champions from Laborer's Local 17 was the second low scoring team, and the foursome from Cumulus Media/WPDH was the third low scoring team.

The winning golf professionals were as follows: Jerry Famulare, NY Golf Club, Tappan, NY, Scoring a 70; Dave Fusco, Patriot Hills Golf Club, Stony Point, NY, Scoring a 70; Andy Inman, Belmont Golf Complex, Ridgefield, CT, Scoring a 71; Scott Berliner, Shaker Ridge Country Club, Albany, NY, Scoring a 71; Michael Laudien, Philip J. Rotella Municipal Golf Club, Thiells, NY, Scoring a 71; John DeForest, Rondout Country Club, Accord, NY, Scoring a 72; Jamie McFarland, Osiris Country Club, New Windsor, NY, Scoring a 74; Terence Hughes, Mahopac Golf Club, Mahopac, NY, Scoring a 74. Pro Skins were won by Scott Berliner (two), Dave Fusco, and Tony Musto. But the real winners from that day are the people receiving services through Occupations, Inc.

Sponsors and golfers gathered the evening before the Pro-Am at a cocktail reception hosted by Dana Distributors in Goshen where they were recognized for their generous support and participation in such an important fundraising event for Occupations. The Occupations 2009 Pro Am, was sponsored in part by the Warwick Savings Foundation, WPDH, 94.3/97.3 The Wolf, Dana Distributors, Johnstons Toyota, USI Insurance, Relph Benefit Advisors, E&A Contracting of Orange County and Safina Office Products. Jim DeStefano, Occupations President/CEO, commented, "We are grateful to all volunteers, players, sponsors, supporters and the Occupations professional staff, for their contribution to the huge success of this year's event!"

For more than 45 years, the Occupations, Inc., System of Services, a not-for-profit agency, has provided outpatient mental health services, case management, child welfare, emergency services, residential services, and employment opportunities to people with developmental disabilities and individuals recovering from mental illness. Its affiliate, Family Empowerment Council, Inc, provides services to people with disabilities, including service coordination and case management, mental health family support, early intervention, educational advocacy, consumer-directed personal care, residential habilitation and respite services. New Dynamics Corporation, a not-for-profit sister corporation of Occupations, Inc., is a leader in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. All of Occupations, Inc.'s, services can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week, through one toll-free call to the Service Access Center at 1-888-750-2266.

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PHOTOS ATTACHED



The 2009 Occupations, Inc. Pro-Am Championship Team from Dana Distributors (from left to right) Steve Hafnecker, Fred Dana, Ray Hafnecker, Dave Fusco (Pro) and Joe Theismann.



The team from TricorBraun/IDEXX Laboratoires, bronze sponsors of the 2009 Occupations, Inc. Pro-Am gather for a photo opportunity with former Washington Redskin's quarterback, Joe Theismann. From left to right Peter Madden, Robert Lock, Joe Theismann, Bill Brown and Roger Brown.



2009 Occupations, Inc., Pro-Am Event Co-Chairs, Chuck Benfer (left) and Fred Dana (center), join Occupations, Inc. Board member, Ed Lekis for a photo with former Washington Redskin's quarterback Joe Theismann at this well-attended fundraising event for Occupations, Inc.



John Jardine, president of Johnstons Toyota, gets his sponsor plaque signed by former Washington Redskin's quarterback, Joe Theismann, at the 2009 Occupations, Inc. Pro-Am event held in June. Johnstons Toyota has been a premium sponsor of this event for more than a decade.