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Jack Rua Invitational raises over \$70k to benefit Camp Jack

REHOBOTH, MA (September 23, 2021) – On Tuesday, September 14, People Incorporated held its annual Jack Rua Invitational at Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth. This year honored Dennis Read, former member of People Incorporated’s board of directors and former event chair of the Jack Rua Invitational, who passed away in January.

The golf tournament raises funds to support the Jack Rua Camp for Children with Diabetes, a program of the Diabetes Association, Inc., which is an affiliate organization of People Incorporated. With over 60 sponsors, the event raised over \$70,000 – the highest in its history – which will go directly into operating “Camp Jack” each summer.

After registration of the 132 golfers, the day began with an outdoor grilled lunch followed by a shotgun start of the scramble tournament at noon. Among other on-course contests, the tournament featured two hole-in-one contests: \$10,000 sponsored by Rua-Dumont-Audet Insurance Agency and a free car sponsored by Toyota of Dartmouth.

The 2021 Jack Rua Invitational winning team was Justin Carvalho, Mike Dolan, Matt Pettine, and Jeremy Provost on a foursome sponsored by Mechanics Cooperative Bank. Dolan was also the men’s Longest Drive contest winner while Lauren Amaral from Kahn, Litwin, Renza, & Co. took that title for the women. Closest to the Pin contest winners were Janna Lafrance on the Bristol Pacific Homes foursome, Bill Burns on the Southcoast Health foursome, and Donald Vezina on the individual golfers foursome.

The event ended with a gathering back at the country club’s outdoor patio, where players bid on impressive silent auction and raffle package items while enjoying passed appetizers and a self-serve taco and nacho station. The Super Ticket raffle winner was Connor Lapointe of the Empire Hyundai foursome who took home a package that included a Newport Restaurant Group gift card donated by the Lopes Companies and a bundle of scratch tickets donated by Debbie Dutra.

“While we were pleased to hold such a successful event, we were especially happy to see all of our friends and supporters on the course again in such beautiful weather,” said People Incorporated President & CEO Megan Stirk, referencing the covid-related hiatus the tournament took last year.

“We’re very proud of what Camp Jack does for youth with diabetes, and the players and sponsors know that their support goes directly to the children we serve.”

Title Sponsors of the 2021 Jack Rua Invitational were Mechanics Cooperative Bank and Rua-Dumon-Audet Insurance Agency.

The Diamond Sponsor was Apothecare Pharmacy.

Gold Sponsors were Atlantic Cleaning Co., BayCoast Bank, Darrow Everett, the Lopes Companies, Mutual of America, Saint Anne's Hospital, Southcoast Health, and Spindle City Insulation.

Silver Sponsors were Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses, Empire Hyundai, RALCO Electric & Generator, and Silverman Trykowski Associates.

Bronze Sponsors were Air Masters, CompNET Insurance, Howayeck Law, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Michael J. McKenna, Reed & Barton Real Estate, and Tech Service Center.

Located on the grounds of the Boys & Girls Club of Fall River's Camp Welch in Assonet, Camp Jack serves children with Type 1 diabetes, along with their siblings and friends, and operates for six weeks from July through August. For more information, visit www.peopleincfr.org.

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