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SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED SCORE HIGH AT 2013 GOLF OUTING

Elizabeth, NJ – May 19, 2013 – The scores were low but the results high as friends and community partners of Community Access Unlimited (CAU) gathered to support the agency's members and programs at CAU's 19th Annual Golf Classic, held May 9 at Suburban Golf Club in Union. The event raised more than \$44,000.

CAU provides supportive programs and services to people with disabilities and at-risk youth to help them live independent and fulfilled lives within the community. Programs include housing, vocation and life skills training and vocation, among others.

Once again topping the leader board of support for the event was Innovative Benefit Planning, an employee benefit planning and financial services company located in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, which was the outing's reception sponsor.

"We support CAU because of the work they do in the community," said Mark Sulpizio, the firm's cofounder. "We support not-for-profit-related clients. Also, my wife's sister lives in a group home (so) we have experience with the work CAU does and the guidance they provide people in the community."

Mimi McDonough, vice president and senior commercial lender at TD Bank, said CAU's effectiveness is one of the reasons the bank has been a longtime supporter of the agency.

"With their passion and their ability to get the job done, they truly integrate everyone into the community and are making it better for all of us," she said. "They also are an organization that does a lot with what they have. We've been associated with them for more than a decade and we know they are great stewards of our support."

Other event sponsors included The Spire Group, PC; Sopher Financial Group; Elizabeth Pharmacy; Union Avenue Pharmacy; Woodruff Developers; James R. Guerra, Architects & Planners; WM S. Rich & Son; and Y.Com Security Systems.

"CAU cannot fulfill our mission of enabling people with disabilities and at-risk youth to live fulfilling lives in the community without the support of our community partners," said Sid Blanchard, CAU executive director. "At a time when as many as 700 people are transitioning from New Jersey's closing developmental centers into community living, CAU is being called upon to expand our programs and services, stretching our resources. Support such as we are receiving today is even more vital than ever."

About CAU

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 35th anniversary, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives a voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. CAU serves more than 5,000 individuals each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

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[CAU Golf Outing 2013]



Mimi McDonough, vice president and senior commercial lender at TD Bank, poses with Sid Blanchard (left), executive director of Community Access Unlimited, and Timmy McLorin, CAU member, at the agency's 2013 Golf Classic at Suburban Golf Club May 9. McLorin was a volunteer helper at the event as a way to say thanks for the support from those attending. The outing raised more than \$44,000 to support CAU, its programs and members.