



Record-Breaking Upstate Open Drives Lasting Impact for Diabetes Care

As The Upstate Foundation celebrates its 50th Anniversary, this year's 39th Annual Upstate Open Golf Tournament reached a milestone of its own, raising a record \$534,975 to support the Joslin Diabetes Center at Upstate. Held at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, the tournament welcomed a record 492 golfers, making it the largest in the event's nearly four-decade history.

The record-setting day was a powerful reflection of what can be accomplished when a community rallies around a shared purpose. Thanks to the generosity of Title Sponsor, Solvay Bank; and Presenting Sponsors, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, FustCharles LLC, Glytec, Jzanus, Nascentia Health, and Sutton Real Estate Company, along with hundreds of sponsors, golfers, volunteers, committee members, and supporters, the Upstate Open continues to transform lives across Central New York through philanthropy.

Proceeds from the tournament directly support the Joslin Diabetes Center at Upstate, advancing exceptional patient care, innovative research, education, and community outreach for individuals living with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

"The Upstate Open has grown into the largest charity golf tournament in Upstate New York with 492 golfers, a testament to the generosity of our sponsors, volunteers, committee members, and community partners who make this event possible," said Eric Stensland, Director of Corporate Development at The Upstate Foundation.

Behind the scenes, approximately 50 volunteers and Upstate Foundation staff members helped ensure the tournament ran seamlessly, from welcoming golfers and coordinating registration to overseeing contests, raffles, and awards. Their dedication allowed participants to focus on what mattered most: supporting a cause that improves the health and well-being of patients and families throughout our region.

Tournament Chair Stuart Wright, Chief Financial Officer of Upstate University Hospital, reflected on the event's continued growth and impact.

"I've been honored to chair this event since 2015, and each year we aspire to make it bigger and better. This is a time when so many who are part of the fabric of the Upstate community come together for a common and noble cause: improving the lives of the communities we serve. Through the generous support of this event, lives are being saved, and hope is being offered to some of our most vulnerable populations."

For those inspired to make a difference, another opportunity is just around the corner. Registration is now open for The Upstate Foundation's 42nd Annual Towsley Pro-Am, taking place on Monday, August 31, 2026, at Turning Stone Resort Casino. Recognized as Central New York's largest and longest-running pro-am, the tournament benefits the Friend in Deed Fund, which provides annual support for Upstate programs and helps meet the hospital's most pressing patient needs. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. To learn more or register your team, visit upstatefoundation.org/TowsleyProAm.