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Raising some green, on the green - the 3rd Annual GBUACO Charity Golf Tournament

GBUACO's 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament took place on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Glen Oak Golf Course, 711 Smith Road, East Amherst 14051. Players will tee off at **12:00 p.m.** Following the tournament there will be a dinner, awards presentation, basket raffle and check presentations to the charities that will receive the proceeds from the tournament: Vive La Casa, Back to Basics Outreach Ministries and Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture at Jewish Family Services. United Healthcare is the premier sponsor of this event.

Vive La Casa provides services to refugees who cannot return to their homelands due to their race, religion, nationality or political opinion. At Vive La Casa, refugees are allowed to stay as long as they need to work out their immigration issues and they are provided safety, shelter, food and legal help. The Western New York Center for Survivors of Torture at Jewish Family Services provides programs for survivors of refugee trauma and political and state-sponsored torture. Services provided include: care coordination, legal, medical, forensic and other therapeutic services needed to promote the healing process. Back to Basics Outreach Ministries tackles some of the toughest issues facing any community and its citizens: substance abuse, gang violence, unemployment, prisoner re-entry into society, homelessness and youth development. Back to Basics helps ex-convicts who are just out of prison with their transition back into the community.

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"For the GBUACO Golf Tournament, we select charities that serve some of our most vulnerable citizens who do not have many places to go to get the help they need," said GBUACO Chief Executive Officer Raul Vazquez.

“The organizations our tournaments support are usually smaller agencies that really need the help and we want to let them know they are not forgotten.”

Children from Fantastic Friends of Western New York will be auctioning off their paintings to raise money for their organization, which sponsors monthly events for people of all ages with special needs.

About GBUACO

The Greater Buffalo United Accountable Care Organization (GBUACO) is the first Medicaid accountable care organization in New York State. It is a group of hospitals, physicians, specialists and other health care providers who have come together voluntarily to give coordinated care to the patients they serve. Coordinated care helps avoid unnecessary duplication of services and allows for a free flow of medical information among providers. GBUACO operates under a value-based payment system. Under a value-based payment system, practitioners in GBUACO are incentivized for the quality, and not the quantity, of services rendered. GBUACO’s doctors and health care providers have to meet clearly defined quality standards and metrics that focus on prevention and effectively managing patients with chronic diseases.