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14th Annual Ivan Lendl Golf Classic May 11 at Wethersfield Country Club Charity Tournament Benefits Challenged Athletes

[Wethersfield, CT] - The 14th Annual Ivan Lendl Golf Classic is set for May 11, 2009 at the Wethersfield Country Club in Wethersfield, CT. Tee-off is 12 noon. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.

The annual charity tournament is hosted by Hospital for Special Care (HSC) in New Britain, and benefits the hospital's sports camps and other local, regional and national athletic competitions for physically-disabled youth and adults.

Hospital for Special Care is the nation's only complex rehabilitation and chronic-disease hospital serving both adults and children. The 228-bed hospital has campuses located in New Britain and Hartford, and specializes in the care of spinal cord and brain injury, stroke, pulmonary disease, neuromuscular disease, such as Muscular Dystrophy and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and complex pediatric care, among other services. For more information on HSC or the Lendl Golf Classic, please visit www.hfsc.org or call 860.832.6257.

Tennis legend Ivan Lendl, for whom the annual tournament is named, will once again be Hospital for Special Care's guest of honor at the May 11 tournament. Lendl will be joined by Master of Ceremonies Bob Maxon, of NBC Channel 30. Honored this year will be the Tolland Fund for its long-time partnership and shared vision with Hospital for Special Care for the advancement of physically-challenged athletes in competitive sports.

Premiere corporate sponsors for the 2009 tournament are Downes Construction Company, LLC, Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. – Architects, and the Connecticut

law firm of Carmody & Torrance, LLP. Together, these corporate partners have donated over \$400,000 to the Lendl Classic since its inception in 1995.

Last year's Lendl Golf Classic raised \$134,000 from 17 corporate sponsors and 135 golfers. This year's sponsors to date include The Tolland Fund, All Waste, Inc., Lincoln Financial Group, The Rotary Club of New Britain-Berlin, SEI Investments, St. Francis Medical Center, Webster Bank, N.A., Ambulance Service of Manchester, LLC, Aetna, American Savings Foundation, Blum Shapiro, Eclipsys Corporation and Willis HRH.

To learn more about the tournament, including sponsorship and player opportunities, please call 860.832.6257. Dinner-only seating is also available.

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