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# St. Mary's awards Carondelet Community Fund grants

St. Mary's Healthcare has awarded \$11,000 in Carondelet Community Fund grants to 13 area nonprofits that share St. Mary's values and mission.

Together, the organizations provide much-needed support to people of all ages within St. Mary's service area.

Grant recipients include:  
◆ Broadalbin Perth Lions Foundation

- ◆ Catholic Charities Fulton-Montgomery Counties
- ◆ Comfort Zone-Trinity Lutheran Church
- ◆ Danielle's House
- ◆ Grow Amsterdam
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County New York
- ◆ Haven of Hope Farm & Residence Inc.

- ◆ HFM Prevention Council-Creative Connections Clubhouse
- ◆ Johnstown Interfaith Council of Churches Food Pantry.
- ◆ Montgomery County — Office for Aging
- ◆ Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Volunteer Program
- ◆ New Dimensions
- ◆ Sarah Jane Sanford Home

"These organizations are invaluable partners, and our community and St. Mary's are stronger because of them," said Margaret Brodie, St. Mary's vice president, mission advancement and patient experience, in a news release. "With these grants, St. Mary's recognizes both the essential work of these partners and their commitment to those we all serve."

The Carondelet Community Fund was established in 1996 to honor and continue the spirit of St. Mary's founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Grants are awarded annually by the St. Mary's board of trustees to provide modest support to local programs and agencies that further the sisters' tradition of outreach to the "dear neighbor."

## \$15,000 ace



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On Aug. 6, Caroga Arts Collective sponsored an 18-hole golf scramble at the Nick Stoner Golf Course in Caroga Lake, with some side bonuses like two "Hole in One" holes and closest to the pin, plus a few other prizes. Each bonus hole is monitored by two witnesses so as to verify the action. A total of 80 men and women entered the contest using every golf cart that was available that day. The 17th hole was one of the "Hole-in-One" bonus prizes, sponsored by Brown's Ford. Mike Arminio from Haganan got the hole-in-one and claimed the cash prize of \$15,000. Arminio said that this was his 10th hole-in-one. Pictured, from left, are Jerry Groom Jr, Jim Zeitler, Arminio (holding the ball he used to make the hole-in-one) and Randy Snyder. The foursome also finished first overall with a 15-under par total of 55.

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## St. Mary's Healthcare practices earn quality designation

Five St. Mary's Healthcare primary care practices have once again been recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance as New York State Patient-Centered Medical Homes.

NYS PCMH certification, which acknowledges a commitment to patient-centered care and continuous quality improvement, has been awarded to the following:

- ◆ Amsterdam Family Health Center
- ◆ Canajoharie Family Health Center
- ◆ Gloversville Family Health Center
- ◆ Johnstown Family Health Center
- ◆ Northville Family Health Center

"Our NYS PCMH designation is a mark of quality and yet another reason for our community to choose St. Mary's the next time they need

care," said Kathy Carbone, RN, manager of quality and risk management at St. Mary's Healthcare, in a news release. "When you come to these primary care practices, you can be confident that we place your needs first and do everything possible to provide the best patient experience."

The PCMH model emphasizes team-based care, communication and coordination.

Research shows that this approach can lead to better care while resulting in reduced healthcare costs, according to the release.

The PCMH model also helps primary care practices improve access to care, deliver more preventive services such as screenings and immunizations, and help patients manage chronic conditions, the statement said.

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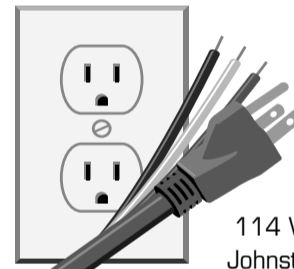
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