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**“GOLF FORE HOPE” TOURNAMENT CONTINUES TO BRING IN FUNDS
FOR BASSETT CANCER PATIENTS IN HERKIMER COUNTY**

Herkimer, N.Y. – On Aug. 11, the “Herkimer County Golf Fore Hope Tournament,” the Sterling Family’s annual golf tournament, raised nearly \$3,500 for Bassett cancer patients in Herkimer County. This month, Wal-Mart, an event sponsor, contributed an additional \$425, to raise the total proceeds, which are restricted to assist cancer patients from Herkimer County.

Event co-chair Don Sterling said, “My co-chairs – my wife Patti, our daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Patrick Donahue, and my brother Jack – and I decided that the greatest need for funding was in the area of patient care. Jack had a brush with cancer and realized how great the need for assistance is in our own region. So, again, this year, we dedicated our golf tournament to help Bassett help local patients and their families.”

At the check presentation ceremony, Scott A. Barrett, executive director of the Friends of Bassett, said, “We greatly appreciate the Sterling Family’s active dedication in aiding cancer patients from Herkimer County. The Friends thanks each of the 54 golfers who participated, the Holland Heights Golf Course in Herkimer and the event sponsors, the Herkimer County Marine Corp League and Wal-Mart.”

Proceeds are designated to Bassett Healthcare’s Bob Simon/Loretta Anagnost Fund, which was created by the late Mr. Simon, a former patient, to provide medications, transportation and other forms of assistance for cancer patients in financial need. The fund has been continued by his widow, Alice, and augmented by Mr. John Anagnost in memory of his wife Loretta, who also was a patient at Bassett.



Pictured (l. to r.) are Jack Sterling; Patrick Donahue, holding his son Michael; Scott A. Barrett; Elizabeth Schidzick-Brunelle, director, Herkimer Regional Operations; and Don Sterling.