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WALKER CELEBRATES 30TH ANNUAL FORE THE CHILDREN GOLF TOURNAMENT

NEEDHAM — On Monday, October 7th, Walker will host the 2019 *Fore the Children* Golf Tournament at Dedham Country and Polo Club. The tournament is best ball format and features contests and raffles, followed by a dinner buffet including an auction and awards reception with prizes for top players. This year marks the 30th anniversary of *Fore the Children* and is a celebration of three decades of advocacy and support for Walker's life-changing programs. Funds raised benefit the children and families served by Walker's academic, therapeutic, and community-based services.

Throughout the 30-year history of the *Fore the Children* Golf Tournament, a committee of dedicated volunteers has helped organize the event. This year's committee is led by Robert Lavelle and Matthew Siciliano as Committee Chairs, and includes members Rodney Lukowski, Mike McArdle, Tom McCloskey, AJ Robichaud, Colin Ryan, Deke Schultze, Paul Shorthose, Jeff Shute, and Pete Simone.

"We're excited to celebrate 30 years of golf in support of Walker," said Gene Takahashi, Walker's President and CEO. "This milestone event highlights the many years that the community has generously supported Walker, and we're especially grateful to the members of the Golf Committee for their commitment on behalf of our organization."

Walker has changed considerably since the *Fore the Children* Golf Tournament launched 30 years ago in 1990. Today, Walker provides an expanded array of academic, therapeutic, and community-based services for children, youth, and families facing significant mental health, emotional, behavioral, and learning

challenges. Founded in 1961, Walker's programs positively impact 1,000 children and families from more than 150 communities in Massachusetts each year. Walker provides services through schools in Needham and Watertown, residential programs, community-based clinical and youth development programs, professional seminars, training, and consultation services.

For more information about how to become involved with the *Fore the Children* Golf Tournament, please visit <https://www.walkercares.org/forethechildren/>. There are many different ways to provide support. Golfers are welcome as individual or corporate foursomes. There are several sponsorship opportunities including corporate sponsorships and tee sponsors. Walker is also seeking donations of gift cards, tickets or passes, and items such as sports memorabilia for the raffle and silent auction that take place during the event.

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