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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gardner Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament and Fundraiser a Success

Danielson, CT - The Arc Eastern Connecticut held its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gardner Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament, presented by Tournament Sponsor Gerardi Insurance Services, Inc., on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam, CT.

Other major sponsors included Rawson Materials, Putnam Bank, Fluid Coating Technology, Inc., Byrnes Insurance Agency, East Commerce Solutions, Inc., Colonial Health & Rehab Center & The Gates Automotive Group.

Arc Board members, local businesses and community members all came together to support The Arc Eastern Connecticut at this event. From complimentary massages provided by Westview Sports Medicine, complimentary foursome portfolios taken by Clarus Studios, Inc., raffles and auction items, and a Patriotic-themed event, the tournament was a fun-filled and successful day.

With a score of 59 on the Par 71 Connecticut National Golf Club course, the foursome of Jeff Rawson, Mike Greene, Eric Schulman and Neil Bernier took first place.

Putnam Bank received the Gardner Johnson Memorial Award. Gardner Johnson, for whom the golf tournament is named, was the loving father of a child with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He was a champion advocate for his son and The Arc. Like Gardner, Putnam Bank has also been a champion advocate for the agency.

The tournament grossed more than \$46,000. Proceeds help support The Arc's many programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout eastern Connecticut.

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