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MetroCast Foundation raises \$34K for local organizations A warming donation



ALPHAWAS the winning team of the MetroCast Foundation Golf Tournament of the Tournament held in September. From left, Jon Jurta, Tom MacKissock, Terry Hicks and Curt Wentworth. COURTESY

BELMONT — The annual MetroCast Foundation Golf Tournament held Monday, Sept. 24 raised more than \$34,000 in support of youth-serving organizations in the region.

The annual event, now in its 14th year, began as an effort to honor the memory of Robbie Mills, a 14 year-old Laconia boy who was killed in 1998 for his trail bike by two older teens. Mills' mother is a MetroCast employee.

The MetroCast event was launched a year later to support the Robbie Mills Memorial Fund, which remains a primary beneficiary of the Tournament.

As the Tournament subsequently grew in popularity, the number of organizations supported by the fundraiser also expanded to include the Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region, Greater Lakes Advocacy Center (Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program), Spaulding Youth Center Foundation, WLNH Children's Auction, and more.

In response to the growing need, Jim Bruder, chairman and CEO of Harron Communications, MetroCast's parent company, founded the Metro- Cast Foundation in 2007 to facilitate donations for the Tournament from video programmers and vendor partners.


In addition to 2012's key sponsors Brocade Sidera and IBBS, more than 40 corporate organizations contributed to this year's event.

“We are grateful for our sponsors and contributors, as well as all those who came out on a beautiful day for golf, food and fun,” said MetroCast Regional Manager Moira Campbell. “This valued support enabled Metro- Cast to continue to honor the memory of the beloved Robbie Mills and to serve worthy organizations that better our young people and the great community we call home.”



RICHARD GOODWIN, left, owner of the Dragonfly Shop, and Jean Vaillancourt, left, display a red, white and blue quilt, recently presented to Goodwin by Vaillancourt, a member of the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild of Laconia. Vaillancourt volunteered to make, quilt and donate the star-patterned quilt to be raffled Nov. 1 with proceeds to benefit the Durand Haley American Legion Post 66 in Plymouth. COURTESY

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