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**200 Runners, Walkers, Wheelchair Racers
Run for Rehab at St. Charles**

(Port Jefferson, NY) – Saturday, April 17, marked the annual Run for Rehab at St. Charles Hospital. Despite cloudy skies and a light drizzle, nearly 200 runners, walkers, hand cyclists and wheelchair racers completed a scenic 4-mile run/walk beginning at St. Charles, continuing through the Village of Belle Terre and ending in the parking lot of the hospital.

Participants included former patients, residents of the community and hospital staff, including several rehabilitation physicians. The top three finishers were:

1 st Place Male	Shawn Pollard
1 st Place Female	Christina Salgado
1 st Place Hand Cyclist	Jason Soricelli

The event, ***Run for Rehab***, was initiated in 1989 as a fundraiser for St. Charles Rehabilitation. Proceeds from the event fund new equipment and technology for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation.

Jim O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, St. Charles, stated, "I am inspired by the men, women and children who came out in support of St. Charles Rehabilitation despite the inclement weather. I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every athlete who gave of their time for the benefit of the rehabilitation services provided at St. Charles."

St. Charles Rehabilitation is the premier center for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation on Long Island with 80 inpatient beds, a network of 9 outpatient rehabilitation facilities across Long Island, an extensive outpatient diagnostic and treatment center and a deeply felt commitment to helping patients get their lives back. The high-skilled rehabilitation team includes physiatrists, nurses, physical, occupational and recreation therapists, speech and language pathologists, neuropsychologists, respiratory therapists and social workers. The most advanced rehabilitation technology – including a virtual reality system for physical therapy games and equipment to stimulate the limbs of those with stroke and spinal cord injuries – is utilized for optimum patient outcomes.

For more information on rehabilitation services at St. Charles, please call (631) 474-6797.

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