



“WHO’S YOUR CADDY?” GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT JANE DOE NO MORE, INC.

Inaugural fundraising event features personal caddies

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Southbury, CT -- Jane Doe No More, Inc., a national non-profit borne out of the experience of sexual assault survivor Donna Palomba, will host its first annual “Who’s Your Caddy?” golf outing on September 8 at The Heritage Village Country Club in Southbury. The 9-hole modified scramble format features a full field of 44 women golfers, each of whom will be provided with their own personal caddy.

“We wanted to have a little fun with the idea of a traditional golf tournament, and the response has been tremendous,” said Nora Mason, event organizer and executive director of Jane Doe No More. “We’re sold out of foursomes, and we have a waiting list of men who have volunteered to be caddies. Now we want to fill up the golf clinic.”

A limited number of openings are still available in the golf clinic with PGA head golf professional Mark Bialobrzewski. The hour-long session includes instruction on stance and position, grip, swing, and improving both the long and short game. All skill levels of golfers are welcome to participate. Cost to register for the clinic is \$45, and includes the awards reception. Call (203) 592-2009 to register.

In addition to the golf clinic, the “Who’s Your Caddy?” event will feature putting, longest drive, closest to the pin, and hole-in-one contests. An awards reception at the Olive Tree restaurant will conclude the day’s activities. Major sponsors include Naugatuck Valley Savings & Loan, Main Street Financial Group LLC, Loehmann Blasius Chevrolet, Smith Barney, and Barker Specialty.

“The proceeds from this event will help fund the development of our First Responder Enhancement Training Module, which we intend to distribute to law enforcement at no cost,” explained Palomba. “So we are tremendously grateful for the support from Heritage Village, our sponsors, the golfers and caddies, our volunteer committee, and the many businesses who donated items for our raffle. It’s going to be a great day.”

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More than 50 men have volunteered to serve as caddies for the day, walking the course with their assigned golfer, carrying bags, and providing assistance as needed on shot and club selection. The caddies scheduled to participate include Connecticut State Senators Sam S.F. Caligiuri and Rob Kane, Connecticut State Representatives Kevin DelGobbo and Sean Williams, Waterbury Police Chief Neil O’Leary, and Bill Okesson, chef and owner of John’s Café in Woodbury.

Also making a guest appearance is WFSB Channel 3’s Teresa LaBarbera, a University of Connecticut alumnus and Woodbury native. LaBarbera first met Palomba while reporting on the Governor’s successful legislation to remove the statute of limitations in sexual assault crimes involving DNA – an initiative largely inspired by Palomba’s case.

“Who’s Your Caddy?” Event Schedule

Monday, September 8, 2008

The Heritage Village Country Club, Southbury, CT

- 12:00 – Lunch, Olive Tree Restaurant
- 1:30 – Tee off, 9-hole shotgun start, 4-person modified scramble (sold out)
- 2:30 – 3:30 Golf Clinic with PGA professional Mark Bialobrzkeski (space available)
- 4:30 – Awards reception and raffle prizes, Olive Tree Restaurant

More information available at 203.592.2009 or via email at nora@JaneDoeNoMore.org.

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About Jane Doe No More, Inc.

Jane Doe No More was borne out of the experience of Connecticut resident Donna Palomba, who was raped in her home by a friend of her husband in 1993. In April 2007, Donna came forward in public for the first time to tell her story and launch the Jane Doe No More initiative on *Dateline NBC*. In addition, her case was the impetus for a new CT bill signed into law in July 2007 removing the statute of limitations on sexual assault crimes involving DNA evidence.

At Jane Doe No More, we’re working hard to generate awareness about the crime of sexual assault. We want to dispel the myths and break the stigmas so often associated with this violent crime.

We’re also committed to providing education and training tools for law enforcement, medical, and legal professionals to ensure proper treatment of the victim. It’s our goal that every person who interacts with the victim will be better prepared -- so that no further emotional harm is inflicted, and that the healing process is allowed to continue.

At Jane Doe No More, our mission is to shorten the time from crime to healing, and give the victim every chance for a full and healthy recovery.

For more information or to find out how you can help, visit www.JaneDoeNoMore.org. You can also view a short informational video about Donna’s experience at www.janedoenomore.org/about/video.shtml. (As a note, the first several seconds are audio only.)