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200 Runners, Walkers, Wheelchair Racers

Compete in St. Charles Hospital's Run for Rehab

(Port Jefferson, NY) – Saturday, April 19, marked the return of a popular community event at St. Charles Hospital. At 9:00 a.m., just inside the gates of Belle Terre, 200 runners, walkers and wheelchair racers began a scenic 4-mile run/walk through the Village of Belle Terre and ending in the parking lot of St. Charles Hospital.

The event, *Run for Rehab*, was initiated in 1989 as a fundraiser for St. Charles Rehabilitation. The rehabilitation leadership team decided to bring the popular event back this year to raise funds for new rehabilitation services and equipment.

Twenty-four members of Rolling Thunder, a program for physically and mentally challenged athletes, wheelchair racers, avid runners and walkers (both adult and children) and St. Charles Hospital staff tackled the challenging route. The top three finishers were:

1st Place Male Marcus Sanders, Time: 25:03

1st Place Female Una Broderick, Time: 26:20

1st Place Wheelchair Jason Soricelli, Time: 29:40

Jim O'Connor, Executive Vice President, St. Charles, stated, "I am inspired by the 200 men, women and children who came out in support of St. Charles Rehabilitation. To watch these athletes run, walk and wheel through a strenuous 4-mile course all in the name of St. Charles is humbling. 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."

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

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St. Charles is the premier center for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation on Long Island with more than 100 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.