



Irish Classic benefits Mercy Circle

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Mercy Circle recently held its inaugural Irish Classic golf tournament, raising \$75,000 to underwrite costs for refreshing the decor of Baggot Street, Mercy Circle's community for residents benefiting from memory-care support.

Eighty-eight golfers and an additional 50 dinner guests gathered at Ridge Country Club on Sept. 22. In addition to the tourney sponsors, their support made the Irish Classic the largest fundraiser in the history of Mercy Circle, according to Tom Ramsden, development director for the senior living community.

"We value the generous donations of each of our sponsors, and we are especially grateful to Bob Miller, president of Jan-Pro Franchise Development for Northern Illinois, who was the day's presenting sponsor," said Ramsden.

Mercy Circle Executive Director Frances Lachowicz said Mercy Circle opened in October 2013.

"We genuinely appreciate the contributions of the sponsors and golfers, as well as those who participated in the raffle and auction.

"Their generosity makes it possible for us to update the decor and replace flooring in this busy area of our community."

The success of the fundraiser, Ramsden said, motivated organizers to reserve Ridge Country Club for the second annual Irish Classic on Monday, Sept. 21, 2026.

Mercy Circle is a not-for-profit senior living community with a no-entrance-fee policy for independent living residents. It also provides gracious residence including social and dining programs for assisted-living and memory-care residents as well as short-term rehab for older adults recovering from surgery or a medical condition.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Mercy Circle is the only faith-based retirement community in the southwest area of Chicago.

For more information or to schedule a private appointment, call (773) 253-3603 or visit mercycircle.org.