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### LINKS TO LEARNING COLLABORATIVE GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS



Photo Caption: Links to Learning volunteer Leanne Cornell poses with first place winners Dan Ahern, Greg Karakashian, Greg Bergholtz, and Chris Olender all of XL Reinsurance America in Stamford.

**Stamford, CONN., October 20, 2008** – Rain was forecasted, however October 16th turned out to be an exceptional day for 84 golfers who participated in Links to Learning, a unique collaborative golf tournament between St. Luke's LifeWorks and Literacy Volunteers – Stamford/Greenwich at Sterling Farms Golf Course. The funds raised – over \$36,000 will be used to provide educational programs, job training, housing, meals and support services to the more than 2,000 adults and children that the two agencies help annually. Mayor Dannel P. Malloy teed off the event and served as Honorary Chairman. Links to Learning was chaired by Gerard P. Hallock, Managing Director, Jones Lang LaSalle.

Links to Learning Cup sponsors were The Foursome Group, Thomson Reuters and UBS; Green Sponsors were the Darien Sports Shop, O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins LLP, Randi Hedin, RFR Realty and XL Reinsurance America, Inc. Fairway Sponsors were the Italian Center of Stamford, Inc., Ganim Group, and W&M Properties. A special thanks to our Eagle and Birdie sponsors and all the local organizations who donated items for our silent auction, raffle, and goodie bags.

Tournament Champions were Dan Ahern, Greg Karakashian, Greg Bergholtz, and Chris Olender of XL Reinsurance. Mixed team winners were Shaun Malloy, Gina Zangrillo and Greg Reilly. Carl Gregorio won the longest drive for men and Margaret Carlson for women. Ken Littlefield won the closest to the pin award while Ginny Bryant was the winner for women.

**St. Luke's LifeWorks** is a Fairfield County non-profit organization that provides housing solutions and life skills training for people overcoming homelessness, recovering from mental illness or living with HIV/AIDS. The agency focuses on providing permanent solutions that enable program participants to achieve greater self-sufficiency. Visit [www.learnaliving.org](http://www.learnaliving.org) for more information.

**Literacy Volunteers – Stamford/Greenwich, Inc. (LVSG)** is a community-based organization that utilizes the services of trained volunteers to provide high quality reading, writing and English language programs to both American and foreign born adults. LVSG believes that adult literacy remains essential to furthering community-wide aspirations of strengthening families, enabling parents to participate in the education of their children and ensuring access to opportunities for economic advancement.

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