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### **HYSB & Sharon Hospital Tee-Off In Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

Falls Village, CT—Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) and Sharon Hospital are pleased to announce their fourth year of partnership to present the annual golf tournament. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at the Silo Ridge Country Club in Amenia, New York. All proceeds from the outing benefit the programs and services of the Bureau.

"We are extremely pleased to have Sharon Hospital serve as the corporate co-sponsor of this event," said Cynthia Bianchi, Director of the Bureau. "Due to their partnership with us it has become a yearly sold-out event with 144 golfers not only enjoying the day of golf but the dinner and awards ceremony following."

Since 1997, this golf outing has continued to grow tremendously, becoming a favorite among golfers in the tri-state corner.

"Sharon Hospital is delighted and honored to support such an upstanding organization as HYSB, while at the same time enabling us to spend a pleasurable day with our community neighbors," explained hospital President Charles Therrien.

Along with Sharon Hospital's financial support and among the dozens of local and regional businesses who have signed up as corporate sponsors of the event, are the tournament's premier sponsors: Gar-San of Watertown, Cardinal Health, based in Houston, Texas, and The Waterbury-Republican American newspaper. Sponsorships are still available at various levels, Ms. Bianchi pointed out, and recommended that interested businesses contact HYSB as soon as possible at 860-824-4720.

The day's itinerary begins with registration and a barbecue lunch at 11 a.m., with the shot-gun tee-off slated for 1 p.m. Following 18 holes of golf (scramble format), will be a 6 p.m. cocktail hour and a 7 p.m. awards dinner, raffle, silent auction and prizes. Robinhoodradio.com, a new local internet radio station that includes host Marshall Miles, will be sponsoring this year's hole-in-one contest.

The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau provides support, individual and family counseling, resource and referral information, parent education, community awareness projects and programs for positive youth development. Now celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the organization has remained true to its initial mission –finding ways to serve the unmet needs of the community's youth. This spring, with support from a Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation grant, HYSB launched a new family intervention program, Family Solutions, and added a parent education coordinator to its staff. Other initiatives over the past several years include the Community Action Team Against Underage Drinking, the Defensive Driving Program for Teens at Lime Rock Park, the Empowering Young Women Project (co-sponsored with Women's Support Services of Sharon, CT), and the Wilderness Club for boys.

Based in Falls Village, HYSB serves youth in Falls Village, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent. For information about its programs or about the golf outing, call 824-4720