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Dear Firematic and Business Supporter,

We are happy to announce our 12th Annual Believe 271 Foundation/Robert LeBuis Memorial Golf Tournament this year will be held on **Sunday, July 27, 2025** at the **Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club**, Main Street, New York Mills, NY at **10:00am** with an opening honoring those who have passed from our ranks and a Firematic start. Registration will begin at 8:30am. We are pleased that **ALL** proceeds from our golf tournament stay local in Oneida and Herkimer Counties supporting volunteer firefighters battling cancer and life-threatening illnesses. Our recipients have been able to not only stay local for their treatments, but have been able to receive treatments at medical facilities in Buffalo, New York City, Cleveland, Syracuse and Oneida thanks in part to fund raising events we hold such as this tournament. Our Foundation has developed an educational program to assist in the reduction of occupational cancer for our firefighters and have presented this program locally and on the national level.

Our tournament over the past 11 years has been very successful thanks to many of you who have stepped up to become a sponsor or a participant that has made this event one of our major fundraisers each year. The tournament is open to our fire service families as well as the general public. It has been the belief of our past Treasurer Emeritus Robert LeBuis to keep the registration at reasonable rate and in keeping with Bob's wishers, we will once again maintain the price of \$110.00 per golfer or \$440.00 per team. This will include: golf, cart, skins (included in price), prizes, special on course fun games, coffee, donuts, lunch at the turn, complimentary refreshments on the course, giveaways and a BBQ Buffet following golf. Once again we will be sponsoring our now famous **Golf Balls from Heaven**. This event will be dedicated to a volunteer firefighter, or firefighters currently undergoing treatments for their cancer diagnosis. You will have your chance to win a driver, golf bag, putter, as well as other golf prizes. Hopefully, over 3,000 golf balls will be dropped by Yorkville Tower 1 on the 18th green at 5:30pm.

This year's theme for our golf tournament mirrors the heart and soul of Bob LeBuis who preached at our meetings that: *"Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or the accomplishments for yourself. It's what you do for others."* Those words resonate with our all volunteer board as we dedicate countless hours in the service to others. Therefore, we are encouraging fire departments, businesses and friends of Believe, to donate a themed gift basket or Gift Certificate valued at \$50.00 or more, all of which will be included in our Golf Auction at our dinner. These types of donations allow us to continue the needed fiscal support for our firefighters and ladies auxiliary members fighting cancer.

Attached you will find our Sponsorship and Golf Registration Forms for those who would like to donate, become a sponsor or play in our tourney. Please be advised that over the last 8 years we have **SOLD OUT** this tournament so we encourage you to register early. As a reminder, even though you may have played in prior tournaments, you are not **REGISTERED** until we receive **FULL PAYMENT** for your team. On behalf of our entire Believe 271 Foundation Board, we want to thank you for your support of our mission. **NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE.**

Brian and Sarah McQueen, Golf Co-Chairs

Board Members: Fred Sherman, Betsy Schwertfeger, Donna Grems, Dan Schwertfeger, Christy DeKing, Eric DeKing, Dan Mabbett, Dean Yauger and Dave Jones