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MARTY SEMLER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MEDICAL ONCOLOGY RESEARCH

Boston, Mass.--The first annual Marty Semler Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, July 17, at the Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton, Mass. Semler, a former manufacturing executive with the Gillette Company, died earlier this year of a rare form of cancer. Proceeds from the tournament will go towards medical oncology research at the University Hospital (UH)—where he was treated.

Over 100 people will tee off between 7 and 9 a.m., including family members, friends and co-workers. Prizes will be awarded for the lowest scores of 18 holes. Several companies have donated merchandise for a raffle.

"I can't think of a better tribute to one of the most avid golfers any of us will ever know," says Dick Dahlquist, tournament director and Semler's former co-worker. "We hope to make this tournament an annual event to help raise money for cancer research," he says.

According to Ronald McCaffrey, M.D., chief of medical oncology at UH, funds raised by the tournament will go towards establishing a new research laboratory in Semler's honor in UH's section of medical oncology. "In this new facility we will continue to study cancer cell growth, particularly sarcoma, which ended Marty's life so tragically," he adds.

The Cancer Research Program at UH is focused on the development of new treatments for several forms of cancer. Over the past 10 years, studies have uncovered anti-cancer properties of several new drugs. Clinical trials using one of these drugs to treat certain kinds of leukemia will begin in 1990.

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