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Mental health center to host golf tourney, ball drop

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The Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center will be hosting its 31st annual golf benefit on Tuesday, Oct. 8. This year the tournament will be held at 11 a.m. at Horse Creek Golf Course in Dora.

The cost per player is \$125, which includes the golf round, lunch, tee-gift, door prizes and a chance to win a Toyota vehicle from this year's event chairman, Scott Crump.

NAMHC services five counties in Alabama as a public nonprofit and serves individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. The center also employs over 500 staff members, operates 50 service-provider locations and serves more than 5,000 adults, children and family members. The group also operates group homes for those who need some supervision due to disability, but largely function on their own.

The group has just begun site preparation for a 10,000-square-foot residential facility on Hull Road in Sumiton that will cost approximately \$1.3 million. The new facility will provide a secure, 16-bed facility for short-term patients, as well as a day program for outpatient services. The new facility played a role in NAMHC choosing to host the tournament in Dora to increase awareness and visibility of the group's activities in the east Walker area.

For non-golfers, the group will also host a ball drop. For \$5, anyone can purchase one of the 1,000 golf balls that will be dropped on the driving range from a hot air balloon at noon. The ball that lands closest to the pin will win 50 percent of the pot up to \$10,000.

To purchase a ball, call Janice Trotter at (205) 302-9065 or Jenny Elliott at (205) 302-9037.

For more information on the tournament, contact NAMHC at (205)302-9065.

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