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Empower Recognizes Sen. Robert Ortt for Work on Behalf of Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

TOWN OF NIAGARA, N.Y., June 10, 2016 – Empower, the not-for-profit organization formerly known as Niagara Cerebral Palsy, will award New York State Senator Robert G. Ortt the Chairman’s Award at its annual golf tournament.

The golf tournament will take place June 27 at Niagara Frontier Country Club, 1055 Lake Rd., Youngstown, N.Y. The award will be presented at the post-tournament dinner, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$70 per person and may be purchased by phone at (716) 297-0798, ext. 120 or online at <http://empower-wny.org/news-events/2016-drive-fore-empower-golf-tournament-registration/>. Space is still available for golfers as well.

Since being named chairman of the Standing Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Senator Ortt has advocated for the rights of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, their families and the agencies that serve them.

“When it came time to choose this year’s Chairman’s Award recipient, Rob was the obvious choice. He is a champion for individuals with disabilities and their families. Empower is proud to work alongside Rob to ensure individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities receive the supports they need to live their best lives.”

With 300 employees and a \$14 million budget, Empower is one of Western New York’s 50 largest nonprofit organizations. The administrative offices, preschool, community clinic and service coordination program are located on Lockport Road in the Town of Niagara. The job training and day programs division is based in Niagara Falls, while residential facilities are located throughout Niagara County. Licensed by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and the New York State Education Department, Empower is an affiliate of the Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State.

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