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Fran and Gary Hall To Be Honored by Empower For Work on Behalf of People with Developmental Disabilities

TOWN OF NIAGARA, N.Y., May 9, 2017 – Empower, the not-for-profit organization formerly known as Niagara Cerebral Palsy, will award Fran and Gary Hall the Chairman's Award at its annual golf tournament.

The golf tournament will take place on Monday, June 19 at the Niagara Frontier Country Club, 1058 Lake Rd., Youngstown, N.Y. 14174. The award will be presented at the post-tournament dinner, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$60 per person, and may be purchased by phone at (716) 297-0798, ext. 120 or online at <http://empower-wny.org>. Space is still available for golfers as well.

Fran and Gary Hall, longtime Niagara County residents and generous philanthropists, will receive this year's Chairman's Award for their generous support of Empower and numerous other community organizations. A gift from the Halls enabled Empower to add new flooring, furniture and recreational items to its day program in Niagara Falls. They also played a lead role in opening the new Niagara Community Center on 66th Street, which they have generously opened for weekly visits from individuals supported by Empower.

"Fran and Gary's fingerprints are all over this community, and their contributions have transformed lives," said Empower Chief Executive Officer Jeff Paterson. "Yet they avoid the spotlight and seek no credit. Their humility and genuine goodness are what we admire most in them."

With 300 employees and a \$14 million budget, Empower is one of Western New York's 60 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 Associations of New York State.