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**Foundation Fundraiser Going Virtual**

*Online Auction to Support Many Patient-Centered Programs*

**PLATTSBURGH, NY (8/19/2020)** – A cordless chainsaw blower, a diamond necklace and a family fun package that includes tickets to AuSable Chasm, bowling and a family photo shoot are just some of the many items up for grabs during next week’s “Non-Event” virtual auction organized by The Foundation of Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital (CVPH).

The event replaces the annual June fundraiser, known for intricate décor and fun themes, as The Foundation and CVPH continue to evaluate the many programs and events normally held throughout the year for the community in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the summer fundraiser has been re-imagined, more than two dozen sponsors continue to show their support.

“It just goes to show you how many individuals and businesses care about improving lives in our community,” CVPH Associate Vice President of Philanthropy Kerry Haley offered. “This online auction is a great chance to connect your generosity to better health and wellness in your neighborhood.”

Money raised from the auction will go toward a number of programs that benefit CVPH patients, employees and the community. Previously, the summer fundraiser has funded the purchase of a vein finder, which helps even the tiniest patients at the hospital get important IV treatments and bloodwork done. The event also helped kick off the “Cooking With a Doc” program this year, showing families simple, delicious and healthy meals they can make together. Donations also go to programs like Transition Success, which can allow patients to receive vital treatments at home, leading to less time spent in the hospital.

Some of the items folks can bid on include:

- Yeti Tundra 35 and 2 Yeti Rambler Colster Can Insulators (donated by REMAX North Country, valued at \$300)
- Cordless chainsaw blower (donated by Taylor Rental, valued at \$608)
- Daily Grind burger cooking class for 6 (donated by Carriage House Cooking School, valued at \$600)
- Diamond necklace (donated by Payson & Stoughton Jewelers, valued at \$599)
- Overnight stay at the Best Western Plus Plattsburgh (includes a jacuzzi suite and a \$50 gift certificate to the Ninety-nine Restaurant & Pub. Total value: \$350).

The auction kicks off on Monday, August 24 at 8 a.m. and closes on Friday, August 28 at 8 p.m. Interested bidders can sign up at [UVMHealth.org/CVPHNon-event](https://www.UVMHealth.org/CVPHNon-event) once bidding opens on Monday morning. Participants are being asked to provide a mobile phone number for notifications. Winners will be notified by email on Monday, August 31. That is when they will be able to contact The Foundation at (518) 562-7169 to set up a time to pick up their items. Anyone with questions can contact The Foundation of CVPH Events & Special Projects Manager Michelle Senecal at (518) 314-3359 or email her: [msenecal@cvph.org](mailto:msenecal@cvph.org).

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#### About the Foundation of CVPH

The Foundation of Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital began over 30 years ago and since that time has touched thousands of lives. As a not-for-profit entity, The Foundation has its own 20-member Board of Directors that assists with raising funds and oversees how those dollars are invested back into the hospital and into improving the health of our community. Through generous support, we are helping people, funding programs, enhancing care and touching lives. To learn more about The Foundation and to show your support, visit us at <https://www.UVMHealth.org/CVPHFoundation>.

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