



Dear Friend of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation:

This year marks the 13th anniversary of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's Drive for Diabetes golf tournament. This year's event will take place on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the world-class [Lake of Isles](#) golf course in North Stonington, Connecticut.

Federal statistics estimate that 30.3 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes and 84.1 million Americans are living with pre-diabetes, 7.2 million of which are unaware of their pre-diabetic state. A recent study also showed that the percentage of diabetes increased with age, reaching a high of 25.2% for those 65 years or older. Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders have the highest prevalence of diagnosed diabetes.* With your help, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation has been able to work toward fulfilling its mission for its community, and the community-at-large, to "live healthier, longer lives". This has been accomplished by providing funding and resources to help support diabetes research, education and treatment programs across New England and within Indian Country.

To confirm your continued support of this very important effort, please fill out and return the sponsorship form provided. You can also help by donating items for the raffle and auction activities that will be offered at this year's Drive for Diabetes event. Please feel free to contact Cheryl Allen at (860)396-2089 with any questions you may have or visit our website at www.DriveforDiabetes.org.

Thank you again for partnering with us in the fight against Diabetes. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

Sincerely,

Rodney A. Butler
Co-Chair

Richard E. Sebastian
Co-Chair

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*CDC – National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2017