

# Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's



Dear Friend of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation:

This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's annual Drive for Diabetes golf tournament. We are delighted to continue this tradition which was established in 2006 by Chairman Rodney A. Butler and Vice Chairman Richard E. Sebastian. This year's event will take place on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the world-class [Lake of Isles](#) golf course in North Stonington, Connecticut.

Federal statistics estimate that 29 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with diabetes — and 86 million people are living with pre-diabetes; 90% of which are unaware of their pre-diabetic state. It is also estimated that Type 2 diabetes accounts for about 90% to 95% of all diagnosed cases of diabetes, and type 1 diabetes accounts for about 5%. Diabetes is more prevalent among Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders.\* With your support, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation has provided financial support for diabetes research and treatment programs at facilities across New England and in Indian country; including Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, The Joslin Diabetes Center, Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation and MPTN Health and Human Services.

Please consider supporting our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament in one of the several sponsorship opportunities available. To confirm your participation, kindly complete and return the attached forms. 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](http://www.DriveforDiabetes.org).

Thank you again for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

Sincerely,

Rodney A. Butler  
Co-Chair

Richard E. Sebastian  
Co-Chair

\*[www.Joslin.org](http://www.Joslin.org)

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