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On Monday, June 4, the Sixth Annual THANC Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament, hosted by The Levy Group, will be held at Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury, NY. This event, one of the largest of its kind in the U. S., will raise \$730,000 to support cancer research. Over 335 golfers and supporters from across the country will be joined by international patrons from Canada, Korea, Italy, China, Viet Nam, India and other countries.

Following the tournament, an outdoor dinner, awards presentation, and raffle will be held. Two Mercedes Benz cars will be given away for “hole in one” and “longest drive.” Trophies will also be awarded for best scores, and a blow-out raffle including Kwiat Diamonds, recently seen on the Oscar Red Carpet, and a Hermes “Birken” bag, will be among the items raffled.

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The THANC Foundation is committed to supporting research and education in the early detection and treatment of thyroid and head and neck cancer; to advancing new therapies; and to alleviating the suffering and functional impairment of patients who undergo treatment.

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"The tournament supports significant research and educational initiatives in head and neck and thyroid cancer," added Dr. Mark Urken, foundation Medical Director.

The tournament beneficiary, the THANC Foundation, is the country's leading private funder of research in thyroid, head, and neck cancer. In addition to research, THANC sponsors continuing professional medical training, community awareness and education, and patient outreach and support.

Tournament host, The Levy Group, is a Manhattan-based international fashion design and manufacturing company specializing in outerwear. Its brands include Liz Claiborne, Claiborne Men's, Laundry, Esprit, Joseph Abboud, New Balance, Dana Buchman, Donnybrook, and Braetan. In 2008, The Levy Group will add Betsey Johnson Outerwear to its portfolio.

The Levy Group, led by President Donald Levy, and Larry, Gary, and Richard Levy, helped establish the THANC Foundation in conjunction with Dr. Mark Urken, the foundation's medical director. The inspiration for this partnership is the courage of Jack Levy, a 17-year survivor of head and neck cancer and a patient of Dr. Urken.

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