Columbia University to Host 15th Annual Charity Softball Tournament

(March 12, 2018 - Rolling Meadows, IL) – The 15th Annual Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament, hosted by Columbia University, is planned for Saturday, June 9, 2018. This date has been designated as “Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament Day” in New York City by Mayor Bill de Blasio, with proceeds benefiting the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), the philanthropic arm of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS).

A post-tournament reception will be held in midtown Manhattan for all participants.

All AANS members are invited to get involved. For more information regarding the tournament and post-tournament reception, please contact Ricardo J. Komotar, MD, FAANS (komotar@med.miami.edu); or Jeffrey N. Bruce, MD, FAANS (jnb2@columbia.edu).

The tournament will feature a field of 40 teams from across the U.S, Canada and Caribbean.
2018 participants include:

Barrow Neurological Institute
Case Western University
Carolina Neurosurgery & Spine Associates
Columbia University
Duke University
Emory University
Harvard University
Indiana University
Johns Hopkins University
Mayo Clinic
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
New York University
Northwestern University
Pennsylvania State University
Rutgers University
The George Washington University
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Buffalo
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas - Houston
The University of Utah
The University of Virginia
Thomas Jefferson University
University of California, San Francisco
University of Colorado
University of Florida
University of Kansas
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puerto Rico
University of South Florida
University of Toronto
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University
Washington University
Weill Cornell Medical College/
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Yale University

For more information on the tournament or to make a donation, please visit www.neurocharitysoftball.org.

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**About the NREF**

The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives.

Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson’s disease. For more information about NREF, please visit www.nref.org.