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## **Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson surpasses \$2.6 million in charitable donations since inception in 2020**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR ASCENSION CHARITY CLASSIC**

**ST. LOUIS (January 12, 2024)** – Tournament Officials announced today that the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson has surpassed \$2.6 million in giving for charitable organizations in North St. Louis County and beyond since the tournament's inception in 2020.

The total includes charitable donations from the third playing of the Ascension Charity Classic, concluded September 10, 2023, of \$200,000 for each of the tournament's primary beneficiaries, Marygrove, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, and Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

"The Ascension Charity Classic brings together professional golfers, volunteers, sponsors and fans to make a real difference in North St. Louis County. The tournament's charitable investment allows organizations like Marygrove, Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis and Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis to provide much needed services to the community," said Elizabeth Foshage, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Ascension.

The tournament generated additional funds in 2023 through the Legends Charity Challenge presented by World Wide Technology. The third annual exhibition match was held Saturday, September 9, and featured an all-star field of participants—including sports celebrities from the world of professional golf, baseball, and hockey—to support the First Tee of Greater St. Louis and PGA REACH Gateway.

Furthermore, the RSM Putting Challenge, held on Tuesday of tournament week, raised meaningful dollars for additional charities. The second-year event featured 11 three-person teams—each consisting of one PGA TOUR Champions professional, one corporate sponsor participant, and a player associated with the benefiting charity—competing in a nine-hole putting match on Norwood Hills's main putting green. Participating charities in the 2023 RSM Putting Challenge included: Eta Boulé Foundation, Family Forward, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, Lafayette Industries, Little Bit Foundation, Lolly's Place, Marygrove, Operation Food Search, Our Little Haven, Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis, and St. Louis Counseling.

"The Ascension Charity Classic continues to deliver on its goals of featuring the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions while benefiting a number of important local charities. Our corporate partners and great golf fans continue to make this tournament a true showcase for the St. Louis region," said Eric Engler, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, Ascension.

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The Ascension Charity Classic also announced today the establishment of a tournament Advisory Committee. The new committee is comprised of corporate and community leaders with a shared vision to maintain the success of the Ascension Charity Classic and help fulfill the tournament's mission to provide the best experience on the PGA TOUR Champions for players, sponsors, spectators, volunteers, and Norwood Hills Country Club members, while supporting charities in the North St. Louis County area and beyond. A primary goal of the Advisory Committee is to ensure the tournament remains an important part of the St. Louis community for years to come.

Advisory Committee members for the 2024 Ascension Charity Classic include: Mike Andrew (Enterprise Mobility), Pat Britt (Clayton Financial Group), Ron Daugherty (Daugherty Business Solutions), Eric Engler (Ascension), Elizabeth Foshage (Ascension), Sara Goellner (World Wide Technology), Matt Horner (World Wide Technology), Scott Hovis (State of Missouri), Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe (State of Missouri), Taliya King (Accenture), John Komlos (ARCO Construction Company), Tom O'Toole (Golf Ambassador), Ozzie Smith (PGA REACH Gateway), Patrick Smith (Ameren), Stan Thompson (Coatings Unlimited), Cathy White (Grainger), Senator Brian Williams (State of Missouri), and Keith Williamson (Centene).

"In just three years, the Ascension Charity Classic has mobilized our community to grow the game of golf and support local charities," said Alonzo Byrd, the tournament's director of business development and community engagement. "With the input of our new stellar community advisory committee, we are sure the tournament will continue to grow and make a significant impact, especially in disadvantaged communities."

The 2024 Ascension Charity Classic will be held the week of September 3–8, at Norwood Hills Country Club. The tournament will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2024, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR's season-long champion.

For more information about the 2024 Ascension Charity Classic, including tickets, Pro-Am and hospitality availability, visit the Ascension Charity Classic website at [ascensioncharityclassic.com](https://ascensioncharityclassic.com). For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at [@ascensionccg](https://twitter.com/ascensionccg), on Facebook at [facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic](https://facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic) and Instagram at [@ascensioncharityclassic](https://instagram.com/ascensioncharityclassic).

#### **About Ascension Charity Classic**

The Ascension Charity Classic is an official event on the PGA TOUR Champions operated by Tournaments for Charity, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals competing for a \$2.1 million purse at historic Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the North St. Louis County area and beyond. All three official rounds will be internationally televised on Golf Channel. For more information, visit [ascensioncharityclassic.com](https://ascensioncharityclassic.com).

#### **About PGA TOUR Champions**

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers 50 and older, including 33 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at [PGATOUR.com](https://PGATOUR.com), at [facebook.com/PGATOURChampions](https://facebook.com/PGATOURChampions), on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://instagram.com/pgatourchampions).