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MEDIA ADVISORY

Columbus, Ohio – On July 19, 2011 at 1:00 P.M., the Tournament will introduce the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational's *5 fore 5*. This special program is designed to celebrate the Tournament's fifth anniversary and the \$1.5 million that has been raised for the hospital since 2007. *5 fore 5* will highlight five children who have battled pediatric cancer at Nationwide Children's Hospital over the Tournament's five-year history. Three of the five kids are past participants of the Tournament's annual First Shot to Fight Cancer campaign in which a cancer patient from Nationwide Children's hits the first shot of the Tournament. The *5 fore 5* special event will pair the five young cancer survivors with a Nationwide Tour professional. The players and kids will interact over a game of putt putt on the main putting green. The Nationwide Tour players will carry a bag tag with their *5 fore 5* kid's picture on it as they compete in the Tournament.

WHO: *5 fore 5* kids
Jacob Carlino, Nick DiPaolo, Alex Heffner, Payton Julian, and Will O'Brien

Nationwide Tour players
Matt Hendrix, Roberto Castro, Scott Brown, Cliff Kresge, and Nicholas Thompson

WHAT: Nationwide Children's Hospital's *5 fore 5*

WHERE: The Ohio State University Golf Club putting green – adjacent to the Golf Shop
3605 Tremont Road, Columbus, OH 43221

WHEN: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 / 1:00 P.M.

INTERVIEW

OPPORTUNITIES: Opportunities to interview *5 fore 5* kids and Nationwide Tour professionals begin at 1:00 P.M. Photo opportunities to capture *5 fore 5* kids interacting with Nationwide Tour professionals during a game of putt putt on the main putting green available beginning at 1:00 P.M.

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ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INVITATIONAL

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is the only tournament on the Nationwide Tour to operate as an "invitational", providing a unique platform in which the best players on the Nationwide Tour will be joined by a select number of the country's top collegian/amateur golfers in a limited field of 144 players. Featuring a purse of \$800,000 the Tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Nationwide Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit our website at www.nchigolf.com.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE

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ABOUT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Ranked in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 "America's Best Children's Hospitals" and *Parents* magazine's 2009 top ten "Best Children's Hospitals" lists, Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare networks providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children, adolescents and adult patients with congenital disease. A medical staff of nearly 900 and a hospital staff of 6,500 provide state-of-the-art pediatric care for more than 750,000 patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's Hospital physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. Nationwide Children's remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

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ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE TOUR

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Nationwide Tour identifies those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. As the official proving ground of the PGA TOUR, two out of three PGA TOUR members are Nationwide Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won 311 PGA TOUR titles, including 13 majors and four PLAYERS Championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be at stake over the course of 26 events in 2011. Nationwide Insurance is the Tour's umbrella sponsor through 2012. The PGA TOUR, through the efforts of its three tours and their tournaments, sponsors, players and volunteers, supports over 2,000 local charities and has surpassed \$1.6 billion in charitable giving. To learn more about the PGA TOUR and Nationwide Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, Twitter and Facebook.

ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is completely self supporting and receives no university monies, tax dollars or student fees. The Department of Athletics sponsors 36 fully funded varsity teams – 17 for women, 16 for men and three that are co-educational – and is committed to providing the very finest in academic and athletics support in an effort to provide its more than 1,000 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.