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Joey Sindelar to serve as Honorary Chairman for the 2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational

Columbus, Ohio – June 14, 2011 – Officials of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational announced today that Buckeye legend and seven-time PGA TOUR winner Joey Sindelar will serve as Honorary Chairman for the 5th edition of the prestigious invitational Tournament scheduled for July 18-24 at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course.

Sindelar was a four-time Letterwinner at Ohio State from 1978-1981 and a two-time First Team All-American in 1980 and 1981. He helped lead the Buckeyes to an NCAA and Big Ten Championship in 1979, and added another Big Ten Championship the following year in 1980. The three-time First team All-Big Ten selection (1979-1981) ranks second all-time at Ohio State (since 1974) in individual tournament wins with 10. Sindelar was the Les Bolstad Award winner in 1981 with the Big Ten's lowest stroke average. He was inducted into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1992.

Sindelar has recorded seven PGA TOUR victories in his 30-year professional career. He joined the Champions Tour in 2008 and has since posted 21 top-10 finishes and more than \$2.7 million in earnings.

"I was completely surprised and thrilled when asked to be the Honorary Chairman of the 5th annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational," said Sindelar. "A huge part of my life and golf life revolves around Columbus and it is truly an honor to come back and represent The Ohio State University, Nationwide Children's Hospital and the city of Columbus."

The 2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational will feature a purse of \$800,000, the second largest on the Nationwide Tour. The Golf Channel will broadcast Tournament coverage from Thursday's opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday. The Invitational will be played

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July 18 – 24 at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course, rated as the top collegiate golf course in the country by Golf Digest. The Tournament integrates the top professionals on the Nationwide Tour with the top players from the collegiate ranks to create a unique field of 144 of the best up and coming players in the United States.

For questions concerning ticket prices and availability, how to become a volunteer, and general Tournament information please call (614) 764-GOLF or visit www.nchigolf.com.

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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.

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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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