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## Volunteer registration opens for the 2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational

**Columbus, Ohio – February 21, 2011** – Tournament officials announced today that volunteer registration for the fifth annual Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational opens today, February 21<sup>st</sup> at [www.nchigolf.com](http://www.nchigolf.com).

"Volunteer support is essential to the success of the Tournament," said Tournament Director, Kip McBride. "We are extremely proud of the nearly 800 individuals each year that donate their time to the Tournament. They make everything we do at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational possible."

Volunteers have a variety of different areas available to choose from during registration. These areas represent the many tasks required to conduct a Nationwide Tour event. A description of each area is available during registration.

All volunteers receive a uniform that consists of a golf shirt, cap and volunteer badge. Volunteers also receive breakfast and lunch for each day they work as well as Tournament tickets for family and friends. In addition, all volunteers are invited to attend a catered post-Tournament party immediately following play on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. To cover the cost of the uniform new volunteers are charged a fee of \$40.00 and return volunteers a fee of \$15.00.

In 2010 the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational raised \$555,000 for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The total marks the largest single-season charitable donation raised by the Tournament in the event's four-year history and brings the Tournament's total charitable giving to its primary beneficiary to more than \$1.5 million.

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The fifth playing of the annual event held in Nationwide's home town of Columbus, Ohio will take place July 18 - 24, 2011 at the Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course.

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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](http://www.nchigolf.com).

### **ABOUT NATIONWIDE**

Nationwide, based in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest and strongest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the U.S. and is rated A+ by A.M. Best. The company provides a full range of personalized insurance and financial services, including auto insurance, motorcycle, boat, homeowners, life insurance, farm, commercial insurance, administrative services, annuities, mortgages, mutual funds, pensions, long-term savings plans and health and productivity services. For more information, visit [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com).

### **ABOUT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Ranked in the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2010 "America's Best Children's Hospitals" list, 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 7,500 provide state-of-the-art pediatric care for more than 940,000 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](http://NationwideChildrens.org).

### **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, more than two out of three PGA TOUR members are Nationwide Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won 294 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](http://PGATOUR.COM).

### **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.