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Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Host Organization Welcomes New Members To Board of Directors

Columbus, Ohio – May 7, 2009 – James Lyski, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Champions of the Community, Inc., announced today that Thomas Feeney, Chief Executive Officer at Safelite AutoGlass; Dennis Welch, Executive Vice President of American Electric Power and; Kyle Rooney, Vice President and General Manager of Turner Construction Company have accepted invitations to serve on the company's Board of Directors.

"Tom, Dennis and Kyle have been tremendous supporters of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational since its inception in 2007," said Lyski, who also serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Nationwide. "They are widely recognized as leaders within the Central Ohio community and we look forward to their insight and direction as the tournament continues to grow over the next several years." The three will join Lyski and current board members Dr. Steven Allen, Chief Executive Officer at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Eugene Smith, Director of Athletics at The Ohio State University to oversee the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational.

Champions of the Community, Inc. serves as the host organization for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational, which this year will be held July 27 – August 2 at The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course. The event has raised more than \$825,000 for central Ohio charities in its first two years of existence. For more information please visit www.nchigolf.com or call 614-764-4653 (GOLF).

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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 \$775,000 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

Nationwide, based in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest and strongest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the world and is rated A+ by A.M. Best. Nationwide ranks #124 on the Fortune 500 list. The company provides a full range of 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.

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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. As of April 27th, Tour alumni have won 244 PGA TOUR titles, including 11 majors and three PLAYERS Championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards and approximately \$19 million will be at stake over the course of 29 events in 2009. Recognizing the Tour's growing stature, Nationwide Insurance has renewed its umbrella sponsorship of the Nationwide Tour 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 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 www.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 nearly 900 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.

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