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Meg Mallon to serve as Honoree Chairperson for the 2010 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational

Columbus, Ohio – May 30, 2010 – Officials of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational announced today that Buckeye and LPGA legend Meg Mallon will serve as the Honorary Chairperson for the 4th edition of the prestigious invitational Tournament scheduled for July 19-25 at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course.

Mallon was a four-time Letterwinner at Ohio State from 1982-1985 and a two-time First Team All-Big Ten selection in 1984 and 1985. She won the 1983 Michigan Amateur Championship while at OSU and helped lead the Buckeyes to three Big Ten titles in 1983, 1984 and 1985. She was voted into the Ohio State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996.

Mallon turned professional in 1986 and has since recorded 18 LPGA Tour victories, including four major championships -- 1991 LPGA Championship, 1991 and 2004 U.S. Women's Open Championships, and the 2000 du Maurier Classic. She won her second U.S. Women's Open in style firing a final-round 65, the lowest final round in that tournament's history. Mallon played as a member on eight U.S. Solheim Cup teams (1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005) and in 2009 was Assistant Captain for the victorious U.S. squad.

"I'm thrilled to be named as the Honorary Chairperson for 2010," said Mallon. "To be following Jack Nicklaus, John Cook and Coach Jim Brown is a great honor, and for the event to be played at Scarlet is very exciting. The Ohio State University has meant a great deal to me for many years. I'm extremely proud to be part of a Tournament that does so much good for Nationwide Children's Hospital and central Ohio charities."

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For questions concerning ticket prices and availability as well as general Tournament information, please call (614) 764-GOLF or visit www.nchigolf.com.

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

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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 276 PGA TOUR titles, including 13 majors and four PLAYERS Championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be at stake over the course of 29 events in 2010. 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 \$1.5 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.

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.

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