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Sponsorship packages for the inaugural Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational are sold out

Columbus, Ohio – June 26, 2007 – Tournament officials announced today that all 20 of the available major sponsorship packages have been sold for the inaugural Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational, to be played July 9 - 15, 2007 at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course.

"We are thrilled to have sold all available major sponsor packages for our inaugural tournament, including all 'Champions of the Community' sponsor packages," said John Aman, president of Champions of the Community, Inc., the event's host organization. "We thought that naming our organization 'Champions of the Community' would help communicate our mission to provide a world class professional golf tournament that operates as a vehicle to generate money for worthwhile charities in Central Ohio. The commitment these companies have shown our event is extraordinary and illustrates what a wonderful market Central Ohio is for both professional golf and philanthropy."

"Our successful sales process is a testament to the Nationwide Tour itself; people are responding to the product," added tournament Executive Director Kip Eriksen. "We will be looking to finalize additional sponsorships and promote ticket sales in the coming weeks to ensure the success of this year's tournament."

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The following is a list of the corporations that will participate as major sponsors of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational:

<i>Title Sponsor</i>	<i>Champions of the Community</i>	
Nationwide	American Electric Power	Mellon
<i>Telecast Presenting Sponsor</i>	BlackRock	Nationwide Realty Investors
ICON International	Cisco	Neuberger Berman
<i>Official Pro-Am Sponsor</i>	Columbia Gas of Ohio	OnSport
Huntington Bank	Continental Real Estate	The DeLong Foundation
<i>Celebrity Pro-Am Sponsor</i>	Dispatch Media Group	TM Advertising
Safelite AutoGlass	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Turner Construction
<i>Official Volunteer Sponsor</i>	FKP Architects	Worthington Industries
Fidelity Investments	KPMG	

The inaugural Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational will feature a purse of \$700,000, the third largest on the Nationwide Tour. The Golf Channel will broadcast nine hours of prime time coverage from Thursday's opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday. Two Pro-Am tournaments will take place during the week, The Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am on Monday, and the Huntington Bank Pro-Am played on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. Amateur playing spots for both Pro-Am tournaments are sold out.

Hospitality packages and tournament week tickets for the 2007 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational are available to the general public. Weekly tournament badges are available for \$25 and daily tickets are being sold for \$10. Additionally, volunteer applications are still being accepted. For more information please call (614) 764-GOLF or visit www.nchigolf.com.

2007 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Television Schedule

Date	Network	Times	Show Description
Thursday, July 12	Golf Channel	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	First Round Coverage
Friday, July 13	Golf Channel	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Second Round Coverage
Saturday, July 14	Golf Channel	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Third Round Coverage
Sunday, July 15	Golf Channel	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Final Round Coverage

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2007 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 8	Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am Draw Party, Presented by Dispatch Media Group <i>Nationwide Arena (invitation only)</i>	5:00pm
Monday, July 9	Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am <i>Scarlet Course</i> Practice Rounds	<i>(1:00pm Shotgun)</i> All Day
Tuesday, July 10	Huntington Bank Pro-Am Draw Party <i>Ohio Stadium (invitation only)</i> Practice Rounds	6:00pm All Day
Wednesday, July 11	Huntington Bank Pro-Am <i>Scarlet Course</i> Practice Rounds	<i>Morning Tee Times from 7:15am</i> <i>Afternoon Tee Times from 12:15am</i> All Day
Thursday - Sunday (July 12 - July 15)	72-Hole Official Tournament Competition <i>Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round</i>	

**All times subject to change*

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. 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 THE NATIONWIDE TOUR

As an extension of the PGA TOUR, the Nationwide Tour identifies and transitions those select golfers whose games are ready to compete and win on golf's greatest stage. In 2007, Nationwide Tour alumni reached the 200th PGA TOUR win milestone, which includes a grand slam of the major championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be at stake over the course of 32 Nationwide Tour tournaments this season, with a record \$18 million in prize money available. Recognizing this growing stature and the PGA TOUR's commitment to charity, Nationwide, one of the largest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the world, 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 Nationwide Tour's rich history and the PGA TOUR's next stars, visit www.PGATOUR.com.

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ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC 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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