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SUPPORTERS TEE OFF “FORE” A GOOD CAUSE AT ANNUAL SWING AGAINST ARTHRITIS GOLF TOURNAMENT APRIL 22

Sponsors Join Organization’s Mission; Raffle Features Golf Outing with PGA Pro and Sports Analyst

DALLAS (April 10, 2013) Dallas business leaders and golf enthusiasts will join the **28th Annual Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament**, scheduled for Monday, April 22, at the sprawling Dallas Athletic Club, 4111 Country Club Dr, Dallas, TX . The tournament has proven to be one of the highlights of the local golf tournament season with proceeds benefitting the **Arthritis Foundation, South Central Region**. The Arthritis Foundation, South Central Region serves those living with arthritis, including 4 million Texans, 820,000 Oklahomans and 372,000 people in New Mexico. **Visit www.dallasarthritisgolf.org.**

Philip Brewer, Assistant Vice President, Comerica Bank, serves as the **Chair of the 2013 Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament** and leads a dedicated committee of board members and volunteers including: **Allan Abramowitz, Ryan Gummer, Nita Hudson, Bill Huff, Mary Hussian-Clark, Cyndi Jansky, Dave Patzwald, and Jeff Tyree.**

The **Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament** generates awareness about the seriousness of the disease that affects more than 1.8 million people in North Texas, as well as raises funds to support mission-driven programs. Last year, the tournament raised nearly \$100,000 to fund novel research projects to find a cure, community outreach programs for those who have this disease, and supported the Foundation’s advocacy efforts.

“**The Arthritis Foundation and the Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament** also celebrates medical and technological victories in the area of total joint replacement,” said Brewer. “More than 725,000 total joint replacements are performed each year. Remarkable strides are being made every day in the treatment of arthritis and we are fortunate to have so many from the North Texas business community to support the efforts of the Arthritis Foundation.”

Major supporters of the 2013 Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament are: **(\$15,000 Presenting Sponsor) Anonymous; (\$4,000 Lead Sponsor) Gummer Capital Partners; (\$3,500 Tournament Lunch Sponsor) Texas Oncology; (\$3,000 Birdie Sponsors) LGT/Lane Gorman Trubitt, PLLC; and Jayne & Rusty McDearman. The tournament is also supported in part by: Genentech (\$1,500); UCB (\$1,000); and (Official In-Kind Beverage Sponsor) Ben E. Keith.**

This year’s tournament is a foursome scramble with player check-in beginning at 11:00 a.m. followed by a scrumptious lunch and a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. There will be an entertaining post-tournament banquet for the players, emceed by **KDFW-TV FOX-4 Sports Anchor Mike Doocy**. Golfers will also have an opportunity to participate in exciting silent and live auctions featuring many fantastic items donated by local merchants, as well as unique sports merchandise.

Tournament participants and supporters will also have an exciting opportunity to win an incredible raffle prize at the 2013 event. This year, one lucky raffle winner and two guests will play one round of golf at the exclusively private **Vaquero Golf Club hosted by PGA pro and NBC Sports and Golf Channel commentator Notah Begay III**. This special golf outing will be followed by dinner hosted by **The Honorable Laura Wheat** and her husband **Doug** at their beautiful Vaquero estate in Westlake, TX. As part of this sensational raffle package, spouses will be invited to join the players for the festive post-golf dinner with the Mayor and her husband. Advance raffle tickets are on sale now and only 200 will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn and announced at the 2013 Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament on April 22. The raffle winner will not need to be present to win and will be notified by phone or email.

Individual Swing Against Arthritis Golf Tournament Player tickets are \$300. Sponsorships are available at various levels. Interested players and foursomes of men, women and co-ed teams are invited to join their family, friends and playing partners for a fabulous day of fun, festivities and fundraising for the Arthritis Foundation.

For raffle tickets, tournament sponsorship opportunities or for more information, please contact Toni Miller at (214) 818-0364; tmiller@arthritis.org or visit www.dallasarthritisgolf.org.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.

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