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LPGA® State Farm® Classic contributes to 14 area charities through funds raised at the 2009 event

Tournament raises \$207,684 for charity organizations

SPRINGFIELD, IL. – The LPGA® State Farm® Classic today distributed \$207,684 to Central Illinois charity organizations. The money raised at the 2009 Tournament will support the efforts of 14 area charities including the Central Illinois Food Bank, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Contact Ministries.

“The State Farm Classic is providing support to a record number of charitable partners this year. Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and fans, we are able to give generously to community organizations at a time when charitable donations are down significantly nation-wide,” LPGA State Farm Classic Board Chair Desiree Logsdon said.

The \$207,684 in charitable contributions from the 2009 LPGA® State Farm® Classic bring the total amount of contributions made to area charities since 1980 to nearly \$3.2 million. In 2009, the State Farm Classic also increased the number of primary charities to receive donations to 14 from 11 in 2008.

“We are thankful to have the opportunity to support so many of the organizations in our community who work tirelessly to help those in need,” said LPGA State Farm Classic Executive Director Kate Peters. “Over the years, the State Farm Classic has made an incredible impact on charities that provide food, shelter and medical care to thousands of people throughout Central Illinois.”

“State Farm is proud to carry the title sponsorship for a Tournament that gives so much back to the community,” said Todd Fischer Manager of National Sponsorships for State Farm®. We are extremely appreciative and grateful for the support of the players, fans and volunteers who make this a tremendous tournament and make it possible to make a difference year after year.”

The contributions to 2009 LPGA® State Farm® Classic charitable partners include:

Autism Society of America, Central Illinois Chapter	\$5,000
Camp COCO	\$5,000
Central Illinois Foodbank	\$20,000
Contact Ministries	\$15,000
Hoogland Center for the Arts Springfield	\$5,000
Macon County CASA	\$5,000
Medical Center – Stroke Prevention Program	\$15,000
Mini O’Beirne Crisis Nursery	\$15,000

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield	\$5,000
Sparc	\$10,000
Special Olympics Illinois	\$5,000
St. John's Children's Hospital	\$15,000
St. Jude's Midwest Affiliate	\$10,000
United Cerebral Palsy – Land of Lincoln	\$20,000

The 2010 LPGA® State Farm® Classic will be held June 10-13 at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield. For more information, please visit www.lpgastatefarmclassic.com

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