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RSM Charity Putting Challenge introduced as newest addition to the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson schedule of events - generating additional funds for St. Louis area charities

Ascension Charity Classic also partnering with PGA REACH Gateway for a summer-long Junior Tournament Series called the 'Race to the Ascension Charity Cup'

ST. LOUIS (June 28, 2022) – Tournament officials announced today the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson's newest charity initiative, the RSM Charity Putting Challenge. The new program, set to debut during tournament week on Tuesday, September 6, at Norwood Hills Country Club, will benefit nine local St. Louis charitable organizations.

"With the help of our corporate partners and the St. Louis community and fans last year, we were able to provide over \$1 million dollars to our Tournament charities," said Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Ascension. "From the beginning, our goal has been to make the Ascension Charity Classic the most charitable PGA TOUR Champions event and the RSM Putting Challenge will help get us there by expanding our ability to help more wonderful charities across St. Louis."

Each charitable organization will be selected by a participating sponsor and receive an investment of \$10,000 on behalf of their supporting benefactor.

The RSM Charity Challenge will feature nine three-person teams, each consisting of one PGA TOUR Champions professional, one corporate sponsor participant, and junior/youth player associated with the charity competitor. The teams will compete in a scramble-format putting match over a specially designed nine-hole miniature golf course. The team with the lowest gross score will take home an additional \$10,000 for that team's charity. The second-place charity will receive a \$7,000 bonus, and third place will take home an extra \$3,000.

Area charities with teams committed to participate currently are: Marygrove, sponsored by Drury Hotels; Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, sponsored by Associated Couriers; Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, sponsored by Carlos and Rebecca Saenz; Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls, sponsored by The Mulcahy Family. The remaining charities and sponsors will be announced at a later date.

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“[RSM](#) has a strong history of giving back to the communities where our 13,000+ people live and work across the U.S. and Canada, including donating more than \$28 million through [The RSM Classic](#) to date,” said Matt Harvey, RSM Partner and Saint Louis office leader. “We’re looking forward to partnering with Ascension and other great Saint Louis-based companies to support these ten wonderful local charities. Ascension took huge steps last year by bringing the PGA TOUR back to Saint Louis, and the impact that had on our community was beyond measure. We are excited to add to their efforts in 2022.”

In additional news, the Ascension Charity Classic and PGA REACH Gateway have partnered to present the “The Race to the Ascension Charity Classic Cup”, a PGA Junior summer-long tournament series. These seven (7), two-day competitions will crown the final top three winners (boys & girls) who will earn a special experience at the 2022 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson. The top five finishers (boys and girls) will earn points that are accumulated throughout the summer. The event schedule includes area courses Lake Forest (June 20-21), Spencer T Olin (June 28-29), Gateway National (July 5-6), Dalhousie (July 18-19), Crescent Farms (July 25-26), the Quarry (August 1-2) and Winghaven Tour Championship (August 8-9)

“We’re excited to partner with PGA REACH Gateway on the creation of the Race to the Ascension Charity Classic Cup to deliver special experiences and recognition for these juniors the week of September 5-11 when we welcome the best of the PGA TOUR Champions to Norwood Hills,” said Steve Spratt, Vice President, Marketing Operations and Sponsorships, Ascension. “This furthers our mission of growing, expanding, and bringing more access to the game of golf.”

“Our team at the PGA REACH Gateway Foundation, which facilitates the Gateway PGA Junior Tour, is appreciative to Ascension for their sponsorship of our 2022 Junior Tour through the ‘Race to the Ascension Charity Classic Cup’ competition,” said Ozzie Smith, President, PGA REACH Gateway Foundation. “This significantly enhances the summer-long competitions for our Gateway PGA Junior Golfers.”

The 2022 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be held the week of September 5 – 11, at Norwood Hills Country Club. The Tournament is one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions tour and will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion.

For more information about the Ascension Charity Classic, including ticket, pro-am and hospitality availability, visit the Ascension Charity Classic website at ascensioncharityclassic.com. For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at [@ascensionccg](https://twitter.com/ascensionccg), on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and Instagram at [@ascensioncharityclassic](https://instagram.com/ascensioncharityclassic).

About Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson

The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson is an official event on the PGA TOUR Champions operated by Tournaments for Charity, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 81 PGA TOUR Champions professionals competing for a \$2 million purse at historic Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the North St. Louis County area and beyond. All three official rounds will be internationally televised on the Golf Channel. For more information, visit ascensioncharityclassic.com.

About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers 50 and older, including 33 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter @ChampionsTour and on Instagram @pgatourchampions.

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