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TICKETS, PRO-AM PACKAGES, AND HOSPITALITY OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2021 ASCENSION CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY EMERSON

Celebrity Exhibition—Legends Charity Challenge presented by World Wide Technology—featuring Jack Nicklaus announced for inaugural tournament

ST. LOUIS – Tournament Officials announced today that tickets for the 2021 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson are now available for purchase at www.ascensioncharityclassic.com. The inaugural PGA TOUR Champions event is set to be played the week of September 6—12 at renowned Norwood Hills Country Club. Two types of weekly admission options are available, a Clubhouse Ticket as well as a Grounds Ticket. Daily tickets are also offered. Tickets start at \$20, and kids 16 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult.

The tournament also announced today the details surrounding the event's Official Pro-Am Tournaments and hospitality options. Pro-Am participants will play side-by-side with the greats of golf on Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 9, on the tournament course at Norwood Hills. Hospitality options range from private or shared venues that provide a premiere experience and serve as an ideal way to entertain clients, reward customers and network with other business leaders. Additional details are available at www.ascensioncharityclassic.com.

In related news, it was announced today that the Legends Charity Challenge presented by World Wide Technology will join the 2021 tournament week schedule of events on Saturday, September 11. The Legends Charity Challenge competition will feature golf's greatest champion Jack Nicklaus together with three additional celebrity members to create a powerhouse foursome that will play a nine-hole exhibition match at Norwood Hills to benefit charity. Additional details, including celebrity participants, pairings and charitable impact will be announced soon.

The first playing of the Ascension Charity Classic, presented by Emerson, kicks off in September 2021 after being forced to reschedule from October of this year due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Please note that should the tournament be hosted without fans because of the continued impact of the pandemic; ticket holders will receive a full refund.

The Ascension Charity Classic's philanthropic commitment to charitable organizations in North St. Louis County and the surrounding areas that are working to build a better community will remain a primary initiative of the tournament in 2021 and beyond. Several charities have been identified as beneficiaries of the tournament, including Marygrove, a residential facility for children and teens; the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis; and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis.

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“Our ongoing commitment to our tournament charities, as well as north St. Louis county and surrounding areas, remains the focus as we continue planning for a fantastic event in 2021,” said Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing and Communication Officer, Ascension. “We want to establish this tournament as a premier stop on PGA TOUR Champions and something that will support North County charities for years to come.”

The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be one of the premier Regular Season events on PGA TOUR Champions in 2021, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs – a season-ending, three tournament series used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion. Due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, PGA TOUR Champions has combined its tournaments in 2020 and 2021 to form one season, and the next Charles Schwab Cup champion will be crowned in November 2021 at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Recent PGA TOUR Champions winners include “Rookie” sensations Jim Furyk and Phil Mickelson. Furyk is one of only three players to win his first two PGA TOUR Champions starts, while Mickelson claimed a dominant victory in his PGA TOUR Champions debut this August at Ozarks National in Missouri. Other winners this season include names like Ernie Els, Miguel Angel Jimenez, and Bernhard Langer.

All three rounds of the Ascension Charity Classic will be broadcast on Golf Channel. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV.

For more information, visit the Ascension Charity Classic website at www.ascensioncharityclassic.com and follow the tournament on Twitter at @ascensionccg, on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and Instagram @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 Ascension

Based in St. Louis, Ascension is one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., with more than 150,000 associates and 2,600 sites of care across 20 states and the District of Columbia. In keeping with the organization’s mission to deliver compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable, all proceeds from the Ascension Charity Classic tournament will be donated to local non-profits. Last year, Ascension provided \$2 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit across the country.

About Emerson

Emerson (NYSE: EMR), headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri (USA), is a global technology and engineering company providing innovative solutions for customers in industrial, commercial and residential markets. Our Automation Solutions business helps process, hybrid and discrete manufacturers maximize production, protect personnel and the environment while optimizing their energy and operating costs. Our Commercial & Residential Solutions business helps ensure human comfort and health, protect food quality and safety, advance energy efficiency and create sustainable infrastructure. For more information visit Emerson.com.

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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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