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Ascension
CHARITY CLASSIC

presented by **EMERSON.**



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The inaugural Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson rescheduled for 2021 due to health concerns related to COVID-19

Revitalization of North St. Louis County communities and support of tournament charities remain focus this year

ST. LOUIS – The PGA TOUR Champions and Ascension announced today that the 2020 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson and associated events scheduled for September 28 – October 4 will be canceled this year due to the on-going health crisis related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of continued concerns and the serious impact of the COVID-19 virus throughout the country and specifically within St. Louis and St. Louis County, tournament organizers have made the decision to move the inaugural event to 2021. Tournament officials have worked closely with the St. Louis County health department and local officials throughout this pandemic to continuously monitor and assess the situation. “It’s not what any of us wanted, but the PGA TOUR and Ascension made the right decision for our region,” said Winston Calvert, Chief of Staff to St. Louis County Executive Sam Page.

While the inaugural event will not take place as planned at Norwood Hills Country Club, organizers confirmed the tournament remains on-track to provide significant charitable contributions to organizations in North St. Louis County as part of the current four-year agreement.

Title sponsor Ascension, along with presenting sponsor Emerson, reaffirmed their pledge to support the tournament’s philanthropic commitment to non-profit organizations in North St. Louis County that are dedicated to building a stronger, more supportive community. The tournament’s primary beneficiaries include Marygrove, a residential treatment and support facility for children and teens struggling with debilitating emotional and behavioral issues resulting from abuse, neglect and other trauma; the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis; and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, among others.

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“While we’re disappointed in not being able to bring professional golf back to St. Louis this year, we’re confident this decision is the right one for St. Louis County and the communities we serve,” said Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing and Communication Officer, Ascension. “We’re looking forward to hosting the inaugural event next fall and continuing our commitment to North St. Louis County and our tournament charities for years to come.”

All ticket holders for the 2020 Ascension Charity Classic will be provided the option of either donating the value of their ticket to charity or requesting a refund by contacting the tournament ticket office at tickets@ascensioncharityclassic.com.

Next year’s Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson is scheduled for the week of September 6-12, 2021, at Norwood Hills Country Club.

For more information visit the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson website at ascensioncharityclassic.com and follow the tournament on Twitter at @ascensionccg, on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and on 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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HNS Sports Group is a Dublin, Ohio-based LLC founded in 2000. The company offers over 125-plus years of collective experience and is committed to providing professional, efficient and effective client representation in the categories of sponsorship consultation, event management, hospitality management, sales representation and tournament operations within the golf market. To learn more about HNS Sports Group, visit hnssports.com.

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