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Ascension CHARITY CLASSIC

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ASCENSION CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY EMERSON TO SUPPORT NICKLAUS AND NORMANDIE GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT

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ST. LOUIS (March 31, 2022) – The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson, an official PGA TOUR Champions event held annually in North St. Louis County at historic Norwood Hills Country Club, has announced a long-term partnership with the Normandie Golf Course renovation project, led by the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association and Beyond Housing, in conjunction with Nicklaus Design. The partnership will include financial support, charitable and tournament alignment, and investments to help make golf more diverse and inclusive in North St. Louis County and beyond.

An additional component of the new relationship includes a significant investment in the effort to restore and revitalize Normandie Golf Course, one of the oldest public golf courses west of the Mississippi River and located in North St. Louis County in the city of Bel-Nor. The option to purchase the real estate from the University of Missouri System (UMSL) has been exercised and the project is expected to break ground in the fall of 2022. In April 2021 it was announced that Nicklaus Design would lead the renovation effort and Normandie would become a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course.

Moreover, Normandie Golf Course will be included as a potential qualifying site for both the Ascension Charity Classic and the Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA) Tour's new Ascension Classic presented by Daugherty Business Solutions, with potential for eventually hosting the APGA Tour Ascension Classic in the future as well as hosting additional Ascension Charity Classic Pro-Am outings.

"It made perfect sense for the Ascension Charity Classic to get involved in this effort to restore and revitalize Normandie Golf Course given our long-term commitment to North St. Louis County through our PGA TOUR Champions and APGA Tour events, as well as our commitment to making golf more diverse and inclusive," said Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Ascension. "We believe that a redesigned and revitalized Normandie Golf Course can play a major role in both the Ascension Charity Classic and the APGA Tour's Ascension Classic once the design work has been completed."

"We couldn't be more thrilled to have the Ascension Charity Classic involved in our effort to restore Normandie and make the game of golf more diverse and inclusive," said Tom O'Toole Jr., past USGA President and founder of the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association. "In a short

period of time, the Ascension Charity Classic has made an immense and positive impact on North St. Louis County, as well as for the game of golf in that region and throughout our community. This financial, charitable and tournament alignment will support and accelerate our plans.”

“We appreciate the Ascension Charity Classic’s long-term investments in North St. Louis County, and this partnership with the Normandie Golf project will only further our efforts to encourage investments in our community that reinforce and accelerate social change,” said Missouri State Senator Brian Williams.

The **2022 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson** will take place the week of September 6-11 at historic Norwood Hills Country Club in North St. Louis County. All proceeds from the tournament will again be distributed among area charities, including Marygrove, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. The inaugural Ascension Charity Classic, concluded September 12, 2021, set new attendance marks for inaugural PGA TOUR Champions events and was one of the most attended events of the past two seasons. [Click here](#) to view a photo gallery from the 2021 tournament.

The **Ascension Classic presented by Daugherty Business Solutions** will be the first tournament in the APGA Tour’s Fall Series, a string of four events in St. Louis, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Los Angeles, that are part of the Tour’s 2022 schedule of 17 events offering over \$700,000 in prize money. It will include practice rounds on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Glen Echo Country Club in Normandy, Missouri, as well as a pro-am on Wednesday at the East Course at nearby Norwood Hills. General admission for the 36-hole stroke-play competition (Sept. 8-9) of this stand-alone APGA Tour event is free to the public and will provide area golf fans with another opportunity to enjoy thrilling tee-to-green action in St. Louis.

For more information about the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson visit [AscensionCharityClassic.com](https://ascensioncharityclassic.com), and for the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at [@ascensionccg](#), on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and on Instagram at [@ascensioncharityclassic](#).

For information about the Ascension Classic presented by Daugherty Business Solutions, visit ascensioncharityclassic.com/apga and follow the APGA Tour on Twitter at [@APGA_Tour](#), on Facebook at [@APGATour](#) and on Instagram at [@apgatour](#).

For information about the Nicklaus and Normandie Golf Course Renovation Project, visit METGA.org or contact Curt Rohe of the Metropolitan Golf Foundation at curt@metga.org.

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. 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.

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FY2021, Ascension provided \$2.3 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes more than 150,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 142 hospitals and more than 40 senior living facilities – in 19 states and the District of Columbia, while providing a variety of services including clinical and network services, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, risk management, and contracting through Ascension’s own group purchasing organization. For more information visit [healthcare.ascension.org](https://www.healthcare.ascension.org).

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