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Charities named for Chili Open Golf Classic

STRONGSVILLE - The Rotary Club of Strongsville has announced the local charities that will benefit from the 2006 Chili Open Golf Classic. Chili Open has raised more than \$700,000 for local charities over the last 14 years. In addition, more than \$200,000 has been raised for local and international projects conducted by the Strongsville Rotary and Rotary International.

This year's event, hosted by Rotary clubs of Strongsville and others in western Cuyahoga County, netted more than \$33,000 for 14 area charities.

Proceeds from the 2006 15th annual Chili Open, to be held February 25, 2006, will benefit the following local charities:

- Ronald McDonald House of NE Ohio
- Easter Seals
- Strongsville Youth Commission
- Guardian Ad Litem Project
- Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership
- HELP Foundation
- JD Breast Cancer Foundation
- The Singing Angels
- Ohio Boys Town
- Womankind
- Strongsville Historical Society

The Chili Open Golf Classic, held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, has become a Northeast Ohio tradition. The event gives golfers a once-a year opportunity to play outdoor golf in February on three nine-hole courses with 65-yard fairways. Along with brisk February golf, the Chili Open Golf Classic offers a day of family fun. A heated clubhouse gives golfers a place to thaw out and enjoy all the food they can eat. Games, prizes, contests and a lot of fun are also part of the event. A live auction is conducted by local sports and media celebrities.

This year's event, which drew 700 golfers, benefited the following local charities:

- Malachi House
- JD Breast Cancer Foundation
- Boy Scouts of America
- Ohio Boys Town
- Berea Childrens' Home and Family Services
- HELP Foundation
- Applewood Centers/Jones Home
- Camp Cheerful/Achievement Centers for Children
- Womankind
- Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership Program
- The Singing Angels
- Strongsville Safety Town

Businesses can sign up now to sponsor the 2006 Chili Open.

Corporate sponsors this year included:

- Wendy's
- Sherwin Williams
- Cleveland Clinic Health System
- Lakewood Hospital
- Today's Business Products
- Williams Ford
- Gene Norris GMC
- B'laster
- Pfizer
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The Chili Open Golf Classic is hosted by the Rotary Club of Strongsville with support from the Rotary Clubs of Parma, Middleburg Heights and North Royalton.

Rotary is an international organization of business and professional people who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and strive to build goodwill and peace in the world.

For information about corporate sponsorships, call Andy Motz, at 216-651-9917.

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