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2021 check presentation – pictured left to right: Kip Eriksen (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship), Kirt Walker (Nationwide), Tim Robinson (Nationwide Children's Hospital)

2021 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship announces record-setting \$3,186,546 charitable donation

2022 tournament dates set

Columbus, Ohio – Tournament officials announced today that the 15th playing of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, concluded August 29, 2021, at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course, raised a total of \$3,186,456 for central Ohio charitable organizations, including \$3,006,376 for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The total marks the largest single-season charitable donation raised for the hospital in the 15-year history of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals event and the first time the \$3 million mark has been exceeded. Since its inception in 2007 the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has donated a total of over \$19.2 million in support of the hospital's pediatric cancer program.

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“The charitable mission of this event has always been a priority for us, and thanks to the incredible support of our sponsors and patrons, we’re pleased to celebrate another record-setting donation to Nationwide Children’s Hospital,” said John Carter, president and chief operating officer for Nationwide Financial and chairman of the Champions of the Community, the host organization for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship. “With the five-year extension to host this tournament as a Korn Ferry Tour Finals event through 2026, we look forward to making an even greater impact on behalf of the countless kids and families whose lives are affected by pediatric cancer.”

“Nationwide Children’s continues to be a national leader in pediatric cancer care thanks to the charitable spirit of this tournament through the backing of so many, including Nationwide, the Korn Ferry Tour, The Ohio State University Department of Athletics and all of the volunteers who contribute to this fantastic event,” said Tim Robinson, CEO, Nationwide Children’s Hospital. “Another record-setting year of donations is an incredible achievement, and we are extremely grateful for the generosity of our philanthropic partners who support the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship.”

The 2022 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship will be held the week of August 22-28 at The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course and will be the second of three stops in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

The field for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship will compete over 72 holes of stroke play, with a cut to the top-65 players and ties after 36 holes. Golf Channel will broadcast tournament coverage from Thursday’s opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday.

“On behalf of HNS Sports Group and our tournament staff, I would like to thank our partners, volunteers and The Ohio State University Golf Club,” said Tournament Director Kip McBride. “The level of support provided to this tournament is truly inspiring and we are incredibly thankful to all who graciously donated their time, effort and resources to help us raise funds for charitable organizations in central Ohio. We are excited to continue our mission to grow the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship and its impact on our community. We have some of the best golf fans on Tour and the tournament’s status as a playoff event ensures that they will be treated to one of the top Korn Ferry Tour fields of the year next August.”

For information concerning tickets, how to become a volunteer, and general tournament news, please visit www.ncc-golf.com or call (614) 764-GOLF.

Stay connected with the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship on Twitter @NCHC_Golf, on Instagram at NCHCGolf, and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NationwideChildrensChampionship>.

Below please find a link that offers video interviews and still images related to the 2021 charitable giving announcement.

Link to media assets: <https://bit.ly/3o6YJcE>

ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is one of three Korn Ferry Tour Finals tournaments that will determine the 50 players who earn PGA TOUR playing privileges for the 2020-2021 season and their eligibility position under the TOUR's enhanced qualifying system. Featuring a purse of \$1,000,000 the tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Korn Ferry Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world, The Ohio State University – Scarlet Course, for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit our website at www.ncc-golf.com.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Named to the Top 10 Honor Roll on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2021-22 list of "Best Children's Hospitals," Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of America's largest not-for-profit free-standing pediatric health care systems providing unique expertise in pediatric population health, behavioral health, genomics and health equity as the next frontiers in pediatric medicine, leading to best outcomes for the health of the whole child. Integrated clinical and research programs, as well as prioritizing quality and safety, are part of what allows Nationwide Children's to advance its unique model of care. Nationwide Children's has a staff of more than 13,000 that provides state-of-the-art wellness, preventive and rehabilitative care and diagnostic treatment during more than 1.6 million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the Top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded free-standing pediatric research facilities. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

ABOUT KORN FERRY TOUR

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. In 2013, the Korn Ferry Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Tour and the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. This season marks the 31st year of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 24 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook (facebook.com/KornFerryTour).

ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is completely self-supporting and receives no university monies, tax dollars or student fees. The Department of Athletics sponsors 36 fully funded varsity teams – 17 for women, 16 for men and three that are co-educational – and is committed to providing the very finest in academic and athletics support in an effort to provide its more than 1,000 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE

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