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2023 check presentation – pictured left to right: Val Gonzalez (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship Volunteer Vice Chairman), Gary Sichon (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship Volunteer Vice Chairman), Steve Testa (Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation), Tom Munson (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship Volunteer Vice Chairman), Tim Robinson (Nationwide Children's Hospital), Kip McBride (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship), Randy Ford (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship), Kyle Rooney (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship Board Member), Dr. Timothy Cripe (Nationwide Children's Hospital), Brad Burke (Nationwide), Mike Boyd (Nationwide), John Carter (Nationwide), Jim McCoy (Nationwide), Kip Eriksen (Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship)

2023 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship raises \$3,307,331 for charitable organizations in central Ohio

OFFICIAL KORN FERRY TOUR FINALS EVENT SURPASSES
\$25.4 MILLION RAISED SINCE 2007

Columbus, Ohio – Tournament officials announced today that the 17th playing of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, concluded September 24, 2023, at The Ohio State University Golf Club - Scarlet Course, raised a total of \$3,307,331 for central Ohio charitable organizations, including \$3,096,621 for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This marks the third year in a row the Korn Ferry Tour Finals event has exceeded the \$3 million mark. Since its inception in 2007, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has donated more than \$25.4 million in support of the hospital's pediatric cancer program.

"This event continues to set the bar in terms of fundraising on the Korn Ferry Tour and we're tremendously

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thankful to the many partners and patrons who contribute to its unparalleled success,” said John Carter, president and chief operating officer for Nationwide Financial and chairman of Champions of the Community, the host organization for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship. “The collective efforts of our supporters, tournament staff and volunteers, along with the participation of our Patient Champions, are what make this event so impactful year after year.”

“The Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship makes a difference for our hospital, but it also has an impact for children with cancer all over the world,” said Tim Robinson, CEO of Nationwide Children’s Hospital. “For 17 years, the tournament has supported care here – and supported our research that has improved cancer care everywhere. Nationwide and the Championship’s sponsors, volunteers and spectators have once again added to a remarkable legacy of generosity.”

The 2024 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship will be contested the week of September 16-22, at The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course and will be the third of four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.

“On behalf of HNS Sports Group and our tournament staff, I would like to thank our Board of Directors, Nationwide and all of our corporate partners, The Ohio State University Golf Club, our volunteers and fans,” said Kip Eriksen, Executive Director. “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 determined to build upon this year’s success and 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 Korn Ferry Tour Finals event ensures they will be treated to one of the top fields of the year next September.”

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>.

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 four Korn Ferry Tour Finals tournaments where players compete for increased purses and points allocations. Featuring a purse of \$1,500,000 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 2023-24 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 14,000 that provides state-of-the-art wellness, preventive and rehabilitative care and diagnostic treatment during more than 1.7 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.

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ABOUT KORN FERRY TOUR

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops golf's next stars, preparing them to compete and win on the game's biggest stage. The Korn Ferry Tour, which has served as a path to the PGA TOUR since its inception, will award 30 PGA TOUR cards based off its points list in 2023, with the No. 1 player earning exemptions into the following year's PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open. With more than 600 PGA TOUR titles, 29 major championships and six FedExCup champions, Korn Ferry Tour alumni make up 88 percent of the PGA TOUR's current membership. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for PGA TOUR cards, visit PGATOUR.COM or follow the Korn Ferry Tour on social media. Select Korn Ferry Tour events are televised annually on Golf Channel in the United States, with tournament coverage available internationally in more than 170 countries and territories via 22 media partners.

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 HNS SPORTS GROUP

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 operation within the golf market. To learn more about HNS Sports Group, visit www.hnssports.com.

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