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## Nationwide Children's Hospital named 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Charity of the Year for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship

PATIENT CHAMPION INITIATIVES AND CHARITABLE GIVING  
RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL KORN FERRY TOUR AWARDS

**Columbus, Ohio** – Tournament officials announced today that Nationwide Children's Hospital has earned the Korn Ferry Tour's Charity of the Year Award for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship at this week's annual PGA TOUR Tournament Meetings.

Since the tournament's inception in 2007, Nationwide Children's Hospital has served as the charitable beneficiary and namesake of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The hospital has been integrated across numerous activations during tournament week including:

- Pros Fore Patients, which brings Korn Ferry Tour professionals together with patient champions from Nationwide Children's Hospital to pack care packages for children receiving in-patient treatment at the hospital
- First Shot to Fight Cancer, the ceremonial first tee shot taken by a cancer patient at Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Nationwide, which is one of the tournament's founding partners, surprised the First Shot to Fight Cancer participant with a college scholarship following the ceremonial first tee shot, and at the conclusion of the tournament, the patient champion closed the week with the Final Putt to Cure Cancer on the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
- Sunday Honorary Observers, which brings patient champions from Nationwide Children's Hospital to the tournament's final round to walk the 18<sup>th</sup> hole with the closing groups and introduces them to the crowd

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship has donated nearly \$30 million in support of the hospital's pediatric cancer program over the past 18 years. In 2024, the tournament raised a record total \$3,802,610 for central Ohio charitable organizations, including \$3,607,590 for pediatric cancer research and treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This marks the fourth year in a row the Korn Ferry Tour Finals event has exceeded the \$3 million mark.

For information concerning tickets, how to become a volunteer and general tournament news, please visit [www.ncc-golf.com](http://www.ncc-golf.com).

Stay connected with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship on X at @NCHC\_Golf, on Instagram at @NCHCGolf, and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NationwideChildrensChampionship>.

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**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 that will determine the 30 players who earn PGA TOUR playing privileges for the 2025 season and their eligibility position under the TOUR’s enhanced qualifying system. 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](http://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](http://NationwideChildrens.org).

**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, annually awards PGA TOUR cards based off its points list, with the No. 1 player earning exemptions into the following year’s PLAYERS Championship and U.S. Open. With more than 650 PGA TOUR titles, 32 major championships and eight FedExCup champions, Korn Ferry Tour alumni make up 83 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](http://PGATOUR.COM) or follow the Korn Ferry Tour on social media. Ten Korn Ferry Tour events in 2025 are televised on Golf Channel in the United States, with tournament coverage available internationally in more than 170 countries and territories via 23 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 well-positioned to assist companies that find value in the golf industry and build and execute comprehensive golf branding or sponsorship strategies. Effectively understanding the golf marketplace today is a significant challenge, the HNS Sports Group team possesses over 125 years of collective experience that is applied to lead companies in their efforts to maximize value from golf sponsorship and event participation. To learn more about HNS Sports Group, visit [www.hnssports.com](http://www.hnssports.com).

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