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Accenture announced as Official Global Professional Services Partner of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson

**ACCENTURE TO HOST GOLF CLINIC FOR AREA YOUTH AT NORWOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
THURSDAY, SEPT. 9**

ST. LOUIS (August 31, 2021) – Officials of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson today announced Accenture as the Official Global Professional Services Partner of the tournament.

Accenture, a global professional services company with leading capabilities in digital, cloud and security, will host the first-ever Youth Clinic Thursday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m. at Norwood Hills Country Club.

A PGA TOUR Champions player and St. Louis TopGolf Professional Golf Instructor, Christian Heavens, will help lead the event, featuring young golfers from Diversity Golf; First Tee of Greater St. Louis; and PGA REACH Gateway. Select participants will compete in the Youth Challenge, with event highlights including a pro golf competition, closest to the pin and trick shot exhibition, straightest drive contest, and prizes.

“Accenture is proud to be the title sponsor of the first Youth Clinic at the Ascension Charity Classic,” said Taliya King, Managing Director, Accenture – Health & Public Service. “Bringing an inclusive PGA TOUR Champions experience to youth golfers underscores Accenture’s overall commitment to the St. Louis community.”

“We’re thrilled to add Accenture, a global Fortune 500 company, to our growing list of sponsors and supporters of the Ascension Charity Classic,” commented Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Ascension. “The Accenture Youth Clinic will be the perfect addition to our tournament week, providing another opportunity for youth in North St. Louis County to come together with their peers, and in this community, to grow the game of golf.”

The Ascension Charity Classic will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2021, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion. Due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, PGA TOUR Champions has combined its tournaments in 2020 and 2021 to form one season, and the next Charles Schwab Cup champion will be crowned Nov. 11-14, 2021, at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship at Phoenix Country Club.

Recent PGA TOUR Champion winners include “rookie” sensations Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, and newly minted 2021 U.S. Senior Open Champion Jim Furyk. Other winners from last season include names like Darren Clarke, Miguel Angel Jimenez, and Bernhard Langer.

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The first playing of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson is set for next week, Sept. 6-12, 2021, after being forced to reschedule from October 2020 due to the global pandemic.

Tickets for the tournament can be purchased at ascensioncharityclassic.com. Two types of weekly admission options are available, a Clubhouse Ticket as well as a Grounds Ticket. Daily tickets are also offered. Tickets start at \$20, and kids 16 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult.

All three rounds of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be broadcast on Golf Channel. Internationally, telecasts air in more than 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV.

For more information about the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson, including ticket, pro-am and hospitality availability, visit the Ascension Charity Classic website at ascensioncharityclassic.com. For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at [@ascensioncgg](https://twitter.com/ascensioncgg), on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and Instagram at [@ascensioncharityclassic](https://instagram.com/ascensioncharityclassic).

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, Missouri. 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.

About Ascension

Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2020, Ascension provided \$2.4 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes more than 160,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 146 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.

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About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers 50 and older, including 33 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://instagram.com/pgatourchampions).

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