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## **RSM Charity Putting Challenge returns to Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson**

SECOND-YEAR CHARITY INITIATIVE CONTINUES  
TO EXPAND THE TOURNAMENT'S PHILANTHROPIC IMPACT

**ST. LOUIS (August 30, 2023)** – Tournament officials announced today the details surrounding the second annual RSM Charity Putting Challenge. The special event, which debuted during last year's tournament week, provides an opportunity for The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson to expand its philanthropic impact. To that end, the 2023 RSM Putting Challenge will benefit nine local St. Louis charitable organizations.

"The inaugural RSM Charity Putting Challenge was a tremendous success in 2022," said Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Ascension. "One of the primary goals of the Ascension Charity Classic is to make it the most charitable PGA TOUR Champions event. With that in mind, the RSM Putting Challenge is a perfect example of how the tournament continues to find ways to expand our ability to help more wonderful charities across St. Louis."

Each charitable organization will be selected by a participating sponsor and receive an investment of \$10,000 on behalf of their supporting benefactor.

The nine RSM Charity Putting Challenge teams will each consist of one PGA TOUR Champions professional, one charity representative, and one junior/youth player associated with the charity competitor. The teams will compete in a scramble-format putting match over a specially designed nine-hole miniature golf course. The team with the lowest gross score will take home an additional \$7,000 for that team's charity. The second-place charity will receive a \$4,500 bonus, and third place will take home an extra \$2,500.

The RSM Putting Challenge is September 5, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the putting green at Norwood Hills.

"One of our core values at RSM is stewardship and giving back to the communities where our people live and work globally is ingrained in our culture. Through The RSM Classic, in which our charity putting concept originated, we've donated more than \$36 million to charities that support children and families in need. We are proud to continue our partnership with Ascension and other great Saint Louis-based companies on this beloved tradition and support our local community here in Missouri." - Matt Harvey, RSM partner and Saint Louis office leader.

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Area charities with teams committed to participate currently are: Marygrove, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, Operation Food Search, Family Forward, Saint Louis Counseling, Little Bit Foundation, and Lafayette Industries. The remaining charities will be announced prior to the event.

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The 2023 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be held the week of September 4–10, at Norwood Hills Country Club. The tournament will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2023, 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.

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](http://ascensioncharityclassic.com). For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at [@ascensionccg](https://twitter.com/ascensionccg), on Facebook at [facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic](https://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](http://ascensioncharityclassic.com).

**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](http://PGATOUR.com), at [facebook.com/PGATOURChampions](https://facebook.com/PGATOURChampions), on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://instagram.com/pgatourchampions).

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