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Rooney's Golf Foundation Tournament Benefits Local Charities

West Palm Beach - The 11th Annual Rooney's Golf Foundation Charity Tournament was recently held at PGA National Resort to benefit four local charities. A total of \$40,000 was distributed to the following: Autism Project of Palm Beach County, FAU Honors College, Pathways to Independence and Potentia Academy. Local Rooney Family businesses, Palm Beach Kennel Club, Rooney's Pub and Rooney's All-In coordinated the tournament with a committee of volunteers. This year's honorary chair was former Major League baseball player and color analyst for the Miami Marlins, Tommy Hutton. The official sponsors included: 1st United Bank, Bettor Racing OTB and Preferred Air Conditioning & Mechanical, Inc. – Carrier.

"We enjoyed a beautiful day at the PGA National Resort and want to thank our generous sponsors, hard-working committee and volunteers and the many participants and contributors," said RGF Tournament Director, Alexis Barbish. "Without them, the tournament would not be possible," she added.

The tournament was played on the Champion, Palmer and Squire Courses at PGA National Resort and 260 golfers participated. The event featured Dr. Dunn's Instructional class, delicious lunch and a deluxe buffet dinner and awards ceremony at the resort. Funds were also raised through the tournament raffle featuring vacation getaways, a flatscreen HD TV, golf outings, dinners, sports and concert tickets and much more.

Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated \$363,000 to local Palm Beach County charities since 2001. These funds are raised through the golf tournament, 5K and poker events. The 3rd Annual Charity Poker Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013 in the Poker Room at PB Kennel Club. The 6th Annual RGF 5K Run / Walk will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Rooney's Pub in Abacoa and the 12th Annual RGF tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2013 at PGA National.

For more information on RGF events: please call 561-683-2222 Jessica Davis at Ext. 141 or Alexis Barbish at ext. 146.

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