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TPC PRESTANCIA RAISES OVER \$60,000 TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

SARASOTA, FL – Heritage Golf Group is proud to announce, TPC Prestancia, a Heritage Golf Group property, raised over \$60,000 at their annual golf tournament on Monday, November 9th, 2015. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit PGA TOUR Charities, Inc.’s *Birdies for the Brave*[®], a national military outreach initiative dedicated to raising funds and awareness for military homefront charities that provide critical services to meet the specialized needs of military members, wounded veterans, and their families.

TPC Prestancia’s golf tournament benefitting *Birdies for the Brave* had a full field of over 200 golfers playing two golf courses: Club Course & Stadium Course. The tournament commenced with a patriotic Opening Ceremony featuring bagpipes and each foursome of golfers was joined by an active duty military member. Their participation brought real-world military heroism to life through the round of golf. Following tournament play, the post-round reception featured a speech by guest speakers, retired Major Steven McLeary, Executive Director for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Catherine (Cartwright) Tumbleson, Retired LPGA Professional & Original Founder of Operations Birdies which transpired into Birdies for the Brave, & Major Rob Kilmartin, US Army (Ret) & recipient of the Bronze Star as well as two Purple Heart Medals. Reception events included dinner for all participants and guests, a silent auction, raffles and an awards presentation.

“We would like to say ‘Thank You’ to our TPC Prestancia Members for their continued commitment to events benefitting *Birdies for the Brave*,” said Bob Holzman, TPC Prestancia General Manager who also served in Vietnam. “Without the support of the Members, sponsors and community, we wouldn’t be able to support the brave Men and Women of our armed forces.”

One of six Heritage Golf Group properties hosting an event benefitting *Birdies for the Brave*, TPC Prestancia has raised more than \$60,000 for the *Birdies for the Brave* program in 2015. TPC Prestancia is proud to honor their long-standing commitment by continuing its dedication to the cause and is currently selecting sponsors to promote its next event in November 2016. Since 2008, the Heritage Golf Group Collection of golf properties has been dedicated to raising awareness and generating more than \$2.6 million benefitting *Birdies for the Brave*.

ABOUT TPC PRESTANCIA

TPC Prestancia (www.tpcprestancia.com) is a private Golf Club featuring two 18-hole championship golf courses designed around spectacular coastal wildlife, providing a beautiful venue for its challenging playing conditions. TPC Prestancia has a strong TOUR history having been host to eight Chrysler Cups Tournaments and five American Express Invitational CHAMPIONS TOUR events. The Stadium Course and Club Course sprawl over 565 acres of Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. TPC Prestancia is a Member of both the Tournament Players Club Network and the Heritage Golf Group Collection of properties. The Club Course is a Robert Von Hagge design, with PGA TOUR player Bruce Devlin as consultant, featuring Florida classic doglegs and appealing water features. The championship Stadium Course, fashioned after the TPC Network’s Flagship, TPC Sawgrass, allows for maximum gallery enjoyment from the many hills dotted along the broad fairways. Designed by Florida’s own Ron Garl, with PGA TOUR player Mike Souchack as consultant, the Par 72 Stadium Course rewards shot making more than length, and features undulating greens that rise and fall as players approach the signature 9th and 18th holes.



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ABOUT BIRDIES FOR THE BRAVE

The *Birdies for the Brave* (bridiesforthebrave.org) charitable program is the PGA TOUR Charity Group’s primary vehicle for supporting the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families who have suffered the loss of a loved one in combat or one that has been seriously injured in performance of their duty. Since 2005, the PGA TOUR has joined with PGA TOUR players and corporate partners to raise millions of dollars for military home front groups through fundraising events at Tournament Players Clubs (TPC) and Heritage Golf Clubs. Giving back is at the heart of the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Charities is a non-profit charitable organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Birdies for the Brave supports 11 non-profit military homefront groups that are supported by PGA TOUR players, which provide critical programs and services to meet the specialized needs of wounded veterans and military families – ranging from housing, rehabilitative services and financial aid to educational scholarships, counseling and career services:

Military Homefront Group:

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ABOUT HERITAGE GOLF GROUP

Heritage Golf Group (www.heritagegolfgroup.com), established in 1999, is a boutique owner and operator of premier private, resort and daily fee golf properties across the United States. The Heritage Golf Group portfolio represents some of the most well-known and acclaimed golf properties spanning Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Texas.

The key to our success is the development of customized facilities and tailored operational systems to augment each individual club's one-of-a-kind assets. Furthermore, we are constantly expanding our team of experts in operations, golf, culinary, lodging, fitness, agronomy, and special events. Backed by the financial strength of Tower Three Partners, an operationally oriented private equity firm, Heritage Golf Group is uniquely poised to expand through the acquisition of a tightly focused and selective group of first-class clubs. Under the leadership of Davis Sezna (CEO, Partner), Heritage Golf Group is evolving the private club and golf business experience to the highest level—on the cutting edge of tradition—by honoring the current traditions while enhancing and elevating the member experience.

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