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TPC PRESTANCIA RAISES OVER \$75,000 TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sarasota, FL. – TPC Prestancia, a Heritage Golf Group property is proud to announce the club raised over \$75,000 at The Audi of Sarasota Golf Tournament benefitting Birdies for the Brave® on Monday, November 7, 2016. Proceeds from the tournament 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.



The club hosted The Audi Sarasota Golf Tournament benefitting Birdies for the Brave and had a full field of over 200 golfers playing two golf courses: Club Course & Stadium Course. The golf tournament commenced with a patriotic Opening Ceremony including National Anthem, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and shotgun start. Each golf group consisted of a 5 person team including an active military serviceman. 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 along with special guest, Amanda Nabozny, & Brett Simon, Founder & Director of Canine Operations at K9s for Warriors accompanied by his dog, Reagan. Events included lunch for all participants, as well as a silent auction, raffles and prizes for the winners.



“Words can’t begin to express the range of emotions we experience and see on this day. We are truly blessed to be part of something so great,” said Kevin Swan, TPC Prestancia Head Golf Professional. “It is a pleasure to have the men and women military veterans out at TPC Prestancia to experience a great day of golf and camaraderie.”



One of six Heritage Golf Group properties hosting an event benefitting Birdies for the Brave, TPC Prestancia has raised more than \$350,000 for the Birdies for the Brave program. A primary element of its philanthropic endeavors, Heritage Golf Group has worked with club members, sponsors and local community leaders to raise more than \$3 million for military Homefront charities since 2008.

Proceeds from the events benefit military Homefront groups that are supported by PGA TOUR players, including Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Naval SEAL Foundation, Operation Homefront; Military Warriors Support Foundation; Green Beret Foundation, United Through Reading, K9s For Warriors; Feherty’s Troops First Foundation, Operation Shower, Disabled Sports USA, and Homes for Our Troops.



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ABOUT TPC PRESTANCIA

TPC Prestancia (www.tpcprestancia.com) features two 18-hole championship golf courses designed around spectacular coastal wildlife providing a beautiful venue for its challenging playing conditions. TPC Prestancia is a member of both the Tournament Players Club Network and the Heritage Collection of properties. TPC Prestancia offers 36 challenging holes in the beautiful Palmer Ranch area. The Stadium Course and the Club Course sprawl out over 565 acres of lush landscape, providing a balance of aesthetics and spectacular coastal wildlife with outstanding playing conditions. The Championship Stadium Course was fashioned after the TPC Network's Flagship, TPC Sawgrass, which 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.

ABOUT HERITAGE GOLF GROUP

Heritage Golf Group (www.heritagegolfgroup.com), established in 1999, is an innovative, industry leading hospitality company and owner/operator of premier private, resort and daily fee golf properties spanning Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Texas. Guided by the principle of evolving the private club and golf business experience to the highest level, each individual club's amenities and operational systems are tailored to augment their one-of-a-kind assets. With a commitment to delivering memorable experiences to its members and guests, the company is constantly expanding their 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 upscale clubs.

ABOUT BIRDIES FOR THE BRAVE®

Named by the White House among the top 20 charities in the U.S. that support military families, Birdies for the Brave is a national military outreach initiative proudly supported by the PGA TOUR, which is dedicated to honoring and showing appreciation to the courageous members of our U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Birdies for the Brave was created in 2006 by PGA TOUR player Phil Mickelson, whose father was a Navy fighter pilot, and his wife, Amy, to support combat-wounded veterans. The PGA TOUR subsequently adopted Birdies for the Brave and expanded it to include a wide spectrum of military outreach initiatives during PGA TOUR tournaments, as well as a series of fundraising events at TPCs and partner clubs across the U.S. – an effort that has raised more than \$15 million for military Homefront charities that provide critical programs and services to meet the specialized needs of wounded heroes and military families. For more information, visit www.birdiesforthebrave.org.

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