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## **Barbasol Championship to Host Golf Tournament in Support of Kentucky Charities**

*PGA TOUR, Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation, and TaylorMade  
are among those stepping up during COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Nicholasville, Kentucky (July 15)** – Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic’s global impact on the daily lives of people around the world, the PGA TOUR was planning on another epic season featuring the best golfers on the planet competing for coveted FedEx points at each of its 43 annual events. Included on the TOUR’s schedule was The Barbasol Championship, which was canceled in April due to the coronavirus. The tournament would have been played this week at Champions at Keene Trace in Nicholasville.

Tournament officials are already focusing their attention towards preparations for the 2021 Barbasol. “We’re confident next year’s Barbasol will be the best installment of the tournament to date,” said Tournament Director Bryan Pettigrew.

While professional golf is on hold in the Bluegrass for the moment, the charitable arm of the Barbasol Championship, Caddie127, has remained active supporting the five local charities it has been partnered with for the past two years. The charities include All God’s Children, Kentucky Children’s Hospital (UK HealthCare), the Kentucky Region of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Refuge for Women, and the Woodhill Community Center (Lexington Leadership Foundation).

To that end, the Barbasol Championship will host a Charity Golf Tournament at Champions on October 15 and 16 in support of these outstanding organizations. The evening of the fifteenth will feature a reception, taste of the PGA TOUR dinner, entertainment, and silent auction. Signature cocktails from PGA TOUR events from around the country will also be served. The tournament itself will be held on the sixteenth with participants enjoying access to Champions’ driving range, a bloody Mary station, shotgun start/scramble format at noon, and an awards ceremony to conclude the event.

“During this time of global uncertainty, it’s imperative for us to continue supporting our amazing local philanthropic community and the children and families they serve,” Pettigrew said. “The critical services and programs they provide, to those most in need, are counted on now more than ever.”

Additional support of has ranged from telling the stories of these wonderful charities through the Barbasol Championship’s Kentucky media partners to providing direct financial contributions.

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Also, TaylorMade contributed \$4,900 to each of the five charities and the Arnold & Winne Palmer Foundation donated 100,000 meals to God's Pantry in the name of 2019 tournament champion, Jim Herman.

"We're committed to promoting, strengthening, and advocating for these fine organizations by all means available to us," Pettigrew added. "Along with the rest of the world, we look forward to life getting back to a state of pre-coronavirus normalcy as soon as possible."

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#### **About the Barbasol Championship**

The 2021 Barbasol Championship is a PGA TOUR event that will be played July 15 – 18, 2021 at Champions at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Kentucky, a suburb of Lexington. Champions is an Arthur Hills designed golf course conveniently located one hour from Cincinnati and Louisville. The Barbasol Championship provides its winner with 300 FedEx Cup Points and a two-year PGA TOUR exemption and a trip to the PGA Championship. The 2019 winner of the Barbasol Championship was Jim Herman.

#### **About Caddie127: [www.barbasolchampionship.com/charities/](http://www.barbasolchampionship.com/charities/)**

The Barbasol Championship's charitable arm, Caddie127, reflects the biblical principle from James 1:27 "to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." Just as Caddies and their players support one another, so will Caddie127 support local philanthropic organizations that benefit and empower women and children. 2020 charitable partners include All God's Children, Kentucky Children's Hospital (UK HealthCare), the Kentucky Region of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Refuge for Women, and the Woodhill Community Center.

#### **All God's Children: [www.kyagc.org](http://www.kyagc.org)**

All God's Children provides care and support to young mothers and their children and families. Through Christ-centered ministries, our non-profit organization offers safe, temporary shelter and programs which address their physical, emotional, education and spiritual needs. By offering sufficient support and life skills, we believe that young women can move beyond challenging circumstances to become loving parents and productive citizens.

#### **Make-A-Wish Foundation: [www.oki.wish.org](http://www.oki.wish.org)**

Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Our vision is to grant the wish of every eligible child.

#### **Refuge for Women: [www.refugeforwomen.org](http://www.refugeforwomen.org)**

Refuge for Women is a non-profit, faith-based organization providing specialized long-term care for women who have escaped human trafficking or sexual exploitation. With multiple locations across the U.S., Refuge for Women offers up to twelve months of safe housing, at no charge to the resident, with around the clock care as clients progress through evidence-based, trauma-informed programming. The compassionate staff is trained to help residents work through the program to reclaim their identities and reach their goals to overcome addictions, heal from trauma and develop life skills leading to healthy, balanced living and financial independence.

#### **University of Kentucky Children's Hospital: [www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu](http://www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu)**

Kentucky Children's Hospital – part of University of Kentucky HealthCare – is more than a hospital. It's a promise to provide the most advanced care for kids across the Commonwealth. Our team of doctors, nurses, therapists, surgeons and specialists are devoted to one thing: getting kids back to being kids again.

#### **Woodhill Community Center (Lexington Leadership Foundation): [www.lexlf.org/woodhill-community-center](http://www.lexlf.org/woodhill-community-center)**

Together Lexington Leadership Foundation (LLF) and the MAP Foundation, seek to address many of the present needs in Woodhill through the building of a 20,000 square-foot facility which opened in May 2018. The Woodhill Community Center focuses on ACADEMICS, ARTS and ATHLETICS for the community's urban children, youth and families expanding the number we serve with this permanent location.

