



Media Release

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What

17th Annual A. Gary Anderson Memorial Golf Classic. (photos available)

Who

Children's Fund Supporters.

When

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Where

Red Hill Country Club
Rancho Cucamonga, California

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Giving Still Thrives in the Inland Empire During Economic Downturn

SAN BERNARDINO, CA –Despite the current economic downturn, Children's Fund was recently surprised to learn firsthand that giving still thrives in the Inland Empire. As the national and local financial systems have collapsed, demand for Children's Fund's assistance has increased. More children than ever are in desperate need of the emergent services that Children's Fund provides day in and day out, and the annual A. Gary Anderson Memorial Golf Classic is a major lifeline through which Children's Fund raised over **\$290,000** to provide this life sustaining assistance.

Recognized as one of the most prestigious golf tournaments in the Inland Empire, The A. Gary Anderson Memorial Golf Classic brings together generous men and women throughout California. Though some might be taken aback by the \$500 entry fee, the AGA Golfers are more than happy to contribute the money, knowing that in return they will not only receive one day of great golf, but they will be helping children at-risk for 365 days a year.

Long before the golfers stepped foot on the green they began pledging their support as sponsors of the Classic. Sponsorships ranged in value from \$30,000 to \$500, and totaled over \$225,000 in funding support. The Title Sponsor for this year's event was Diversified Pacific Opportunity Fund, with a donation of \$30,000; followed by The A. Gary Anderson Family Foundations Platinum sponsorship of \$25,000.

In anticipation of harsh economic conditions, the AGA Classic Committee worked hard to secure a variety of live and silent auction items. Unique ideas reigned supreme, and golfers and dinner participants were treated to an opportunity to experience a variety of amazing trips. Some of the new and unique trips included a once in a lifetime donation from

Peter Stamos of four first class tickets to New York City and a Mets Baseball game in the exclusive Empire Suite of the new Citi Field Stadium. Other distinctive items included a Golf Odyssey to Ireland donated by the French family and a year of golf at twelve of the most exclusive private golf clubs in Southern California.

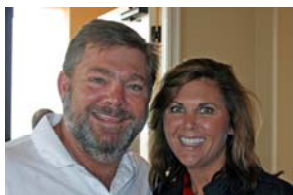
Redlands artist Bill Sirowy, donated a beautiful handmade Golfer Intarsia Wood Mosaic. Intarsia is created by selecting different types of wood individually cut , shaped, and sanded before fitting them together like a jig-saw puzzle and gluing them to a piece of plywood backing cut to the shape of the final product. Bill Sirowy's Intarsia of a golfer netted \$325.00 for the tournament. Everyone agreed that the all together the live and silent auctions were a success, bringin in the highest amount of proceeds ever recorded at the AGA Golf Auction, over \$40,000

Children's Fund was also privileged to receive the support of an amazing crew of volunteers throughout the day, some taking vacation from work to attend the event. Even local sport celebrities Leroy Irvin and Marshal Falk took time out to support at-risk kids. Each volunteer gave of their time and talents, and some even gave of their treasure later in the evening participating in the auctions. The AGA classic is a detailed event, and could not be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of the loyal Children's Fund Volunteers.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Through the generosity bestowed upon Children's Fund before, during and even after the 17th Annual A. Gary Anderson Memorial Golf Classic, the **\$290,000** raised will empower Children's Fund to contribute significantly to the lives of thousands of at-risk children. Each dollar helps to keep alive the mission of Children's Fund as well as the memory of A. Gary Anderson, a man who is not only remembered for his remarkable achievements in the business world but is never forgotten for his unselfish work on behalf of at-risk children in San Bernardino County.

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Sample Photos



A. Gary Anderson's Children, Eric Anderson and Erin Lastinger.



Loyal Children's Fund Supporters, The Harris Family. (left to right Greg, Gary, Grant and Dave.)



Former Chairman of the Board Matt Jordan and current Chairman of the Children's Fund Board Pete Pitassi.



Redlands Artist, Bill Sirowy donates a handmade golfer Intarsia to Jane Nottingham for the Annual A. Gary Anderson Memorial Golf Classic benefiting Children's Fund.