



LINCOLN LAND CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP

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“Charity Chip In” Ticket Sales Go to Area Charities

SPRINGFIELD--May 1, 2017--The Lincoln Land Charity Championship is launching ticket sales today, called “Charity Chip In,” with 31 local charities to directly benefit from those sales. The tournament, part of the [Web.com](#) Tour, gives 100 percent of ticket sales to area charities.

“The Lincoln Land Charity Championship is partnering with area charities to make it easier for them to raise money,” said Kate Peters, executive director, Lincoln Land Charity Championship. “When a charity sells a \$10 ticket for a day at the tournament, it knows it can count on the full ticket price for its operations. Not only do we want to pack the course for the sake of the excitement of the tournament, we want to provide funding for charity.” The tournament runs June 19-25.

The tournament held its inaugural event last year, and raised more than \$14,000 for area charities. “We plan to surpass that amount this year with the participation of these great charities,” explained Peters. “Everyone wins with this tournament!”

“The Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society is a growing local organization with a need for more funding,” said Jared Owen, board of directors, Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society. “The Lincoln Land Charity Championship has created an easy way to support our mission by allowing spectators to purchase their tournament tickets in our name so we can continue efforts to promote inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome. We hope people will consider the Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society as their Charity Chip In beneficiary.”

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Mia D. Woods, who is executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region, agrees. "Big Brothers Big Sisters is delighted to be a part of the 'Charity Chip In' this year. The Lincoln Land Charity Championship has truly embraced non-profit organizations in this area and has made it engaging, exciting and fun to get involved with this great event. We look forward to spreading the word about the tournament and its great mission to support the community while also providing athletic entertainment and family fun for our city."

As an added incentive, the tournament is offering a golf getaway package that is generously sponsored by the Springfield Airport Authority. When someone scans a Lincoln Land tourney ticket at the gate, he or she will be entered to win a golf getaway weekend trip for two to the [Web.Com](#) Tour Championship at Atlantic Beach Country Club in Florida Sept. 28-Oct. 1. In addition to airfare, hotel accommodations, and championship tickets, the winner will also receive two rounds of golf at TPC Sawgrass, Valley Course.

The list of partnering charities is as follows:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region
Brother James Court
CASA of Peoria Count
Central Counties Health Centers
Central Illinois Foodbank
Community Connection Point
Compass for Kids
Contact Ministries
Crimestoppers of Morgan Scott County
Generation Health Kids (GenHKids)
Girl Scouts of Central Illinois
Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County
Helping Hands of Springfield
Kemmerer Village
Lincoln Land Community College Foundation
Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society
M.E.R.C.Y Communities
Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery

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Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.
Presbyterian Day Care Center
SIU Alzheimers Center CADRD
Sojourn Shelter & Services
Sparc-Kamp Kaleidoscope
Springfield Urban League
Springfield YMCA
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
The American Lung Association
The Hope Institute For Children & Families
The Outlet
Trinity Lutheran School Athletics
UCP Land of Lincoln
United Way of Central Illinois

The tournament continues to take registration for volunteers, who are crucial to this event. Special thanks goes to HyVee, which is the volunteer sponsor for the 2017 tournament.

The Lincoln Land Charity Championship will consist of a 156-player field, competing for a purse of \$550,000 at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield. The 7,244-yard golf course was designed by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Hale Irwin in 1992. The course has hosted several notable tournaments including the LPGA's State Farm Classic from 2007-2011 and last year hosted the NCAA Division II Super Regionals and the Great Lakes Valley Conference Golf Championship.

About the [Web.com](#) Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the [Web.Com](#) Tour continues to identify those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. In 2013, the [Web.com](#) Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the [Web.com](#) Tour and the season culminating at the four-event [Web.com](#) Tour Finals. [Web.com](#) became the tour's umbrella sponsor on June 27, 2012.

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A 10-year agreement (through 2021) is in place. The tour is in its 28th year of competition in 2017. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are [Web.com](#) Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won 425 PGA TOUR titles, including 21 majors and five PLAYERS Championships. The PGA TOUR, through the efforts of its tours and their tournaments, sponsors, players and volunteers, surpassed \$2 billion in charitable giving in Jan. 2014. To learn more about the PGA TOUR and [Web.com](#) Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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