Golf Challenge

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Twenty-seven golfers played for all they were worth at the Doug Spencer 12th Annual Golf Challenge, raising over $120,000 to benefit Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. The event took place at the Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden. Golfers challenged each other for the most holes played in six hours and the most money collected for the Coalition. They raised a minimum of $2,500 each, with their donors pledging either a flat amount or on a per-hole basis.

(left to right) The competition for bragging rights was intense all afternoon between Coalition Board Member Walt Nason of GrayRobinson, P.A. and former Board Member, Fred Kittinger of UCF.

(l to r) Bank of America's David Cross joins in the challenge with Coalition for the Homeless Board Chairman, Brian Wilson; Vice Chairman, Charles Tews and former Board Member, Fred Kittinger, Jr. of the University of Central Florida.

Top fundraiser for the event was OUC Vice President of Customer Connections and former Coalition for the Homeless Board member Doug Spencer, who single-handedly raised $36,375 for his 98-hole afternoon. Doug thanked the contractors of the new OUC Administration Building for contributing $15,000 of his total as their "giveback" to the community. By day's end, Golf Channel Instructor Brad Brewer had topped the charts with 112 holes completed within the allotted time.

Other major fundraisers include John Martin, SI Goldman Company President/CEO; Trent Tatum, Kuykendall Gardner Insurance Vice President; Brad Brewer; and John Alvarez, Land Resource Executive Vice President and General Counsel. WKMG Channel 6 Sports Director David "Ping" Pingalore, who lent his on-air support to the event, was touted for his "longest drive" at the post-golf dinner and "skins" award presentations.

OUC's Doug Spencer (center) raised a whopping $36,375 for his 98-hole afternoon. SI Goldman Company's John Martin (left) played 95 holes, raising $14,000, and Brian King raised nearly $3,000 with 107

Top fundraiser and Golf Challenge namesake, Doug Spencer, celebrates his shot, as 2nd highest fundraiser John Martin takes aim.

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The Coalition for the Homeless is grateful to Golf Challenge Co-chairmen and Board Members Doug Spencer and John Alvarez, as well as the golfers, supporters, and prize donors for their commitment to supporting its case-managed programs and services which provide homeless men, women, children and families in Central Florida the tools to return to self-sufficiency.

About Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida:

Coalition for the Homeless is the largest provider of homeless services in Central Florida and the largest residential facility for children. On a given night, the Coalition provides services to nearly 200 children. Their average age is less than seven-years-old. Over 70% of our resources come from individuals, businesses, faith-based groups, special events such as the Golf Challenge, and other private sector sources.

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