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The Children's Heart Foundation Raises \$40,000 at 4th Annual "Mac Kline Golf Class" in Carlsbad, California

CHICAGO, IL– May 2008 – The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) announced today that their national spokesperson and nationally acclaimed teen golfing sensation, MacKinzie 'Mac' Kline, raised \$40,000 at her fourth annual "Mac Kline Golf Classic" tournament on Friday, April 25. The event continued to raise much-needed awareness and research dollars for congenital heart defects (CHDs), the number one birth defect among children today affecting one out of every 100 births, or 40,000 babies each year.

Event proceeds will help fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defect research. To date, The Children's Heart Foundation has funded more than \$3 million towards 35 research projects at many prestigious medical universities and institutions nationwide. The amount of research funded has increased every year for the past three years with over \$600,000 in research funded in 2007 – a new record.

"We were truly touched by the amount of support we received from the community," said Bill Foley, Executive Director of the Children's Heart Foundation. "It was great to see everyone come together and raise funds for such an amazing cause. The Children's Heart Foundation is the only non-profit in the country devoted to funding the most promising research worldwide. It's through local events like these that others can see firsthand why raising dollars is so critical. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank Mac, our sponsors, volunteers and friends who supported this event."

After a day on the links with beautiful weather, the fun didn't stop on the course. In the evening, golfers enjoyed a sit down dinner along with a silent and live auction to raise more funds for CHF. Guests had the opportunity to bid on items including TaylorMade golf equipment, a luxurious trip to Hawaii, tickets to the US Open golf tournament, elaborate jewelry and an assortment of gift baskets for every occasion.

The 2008 "Mac Kline Golf Classic" was supported by TaylorMade Golf, Jim Glavin, Sequal, Synchronous Aerospace, BDR Communications, GED Technologies, Allan Company, Coldwell Banker Real Estate, Oakley, Inc., and Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, LLC.

About The Children's Heart Foundation

Established by Betsy Peterson in 1996, The Children's Heart Foundation (CHF) has funded 35 research projects with more than 3 million dollars. The Children's Heart Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization and does not receive any government funding. The goal of The Children's Heart Foundation is to bring health, hope and happiness to children and families impacted by congenital heart defects, the number one birth defect in the United States. The goal is accomplished by funding the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defects in children. For more information visit www.childrensheartfoundation.org.

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