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## **Country Club Managers 23rd Annual Charity Extravaganza Results in Nearly \$500,000 for Children's Charities**

**Boca Raton, Florida – June 20, 2013** For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, a group of dedicated country club managers, club members, golf industry representatives and local executives gathered, this year at Boca West Country Club, for two days to raise funds to support children in need. Proceeds from this year's gala and golf tournament surpassed all expectations and will be shared by Special Olympics of Palm Beach County, the SOS Children's Villages – Florida, the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots for Palm Beach County, the George Snow Scholarship Fund and The Unicorn Children's Foundation.

Although the event beneficiaries have changed over the years, our goal has not wavered. We have done our due diligence to insure that our dollars go to very worthy causes, shared Jay DiPietro, Tournament Chairman. DiPietro explained that this tournament has been a labor of love since it's inception 23 years ago. What started as a "good idea" has matured into one of the leading charity events in the private club industry. Coming from less than very humble beginnings, DiPietro has spent his career not only giving back to the community but also encouraging everyone he meets daily to do the same. It is because of that enthusiasm, this event continues to grow.

"Each year the Charity Golf Tournament has become more successful than the previous year, and this year was no exception. Club Managers, club members and hospitality vendors throughout South Florida came together for the good of the children," reported DiPietro, "and Boca West is honored to be a primary sponsor of this wonderful event." The golf tournament was held on Monday, June 10 with a field of 400 golfers and over 750 at the Pre-Tournament Gala held on Sunday evening, June 9 at Boca West Country Club

Many of the club industry's leading corporate partners continue to support our event without hesitation. But none more so than the following who have generously supported us year

after year with \$35,000 or more in cash and donations: **Cheney Bros, Inc.**; **Sysco Southeast Florida**; **John Deere Golf & ShowTurf**; **Daniel Events**; **Republic National Distributing Company**, **Club Car** and of course the Board of Governors and Members at **Boca West Country Club**. Our event could not take place without the continuous commitment from partners such as these and every year their contributions inspire others to come on board with our fundraising efforts. All of this demonstrates the commitment of the Club industry to work together for good causes.

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