



News Release

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Wentworth Charities Announces 11th Annual Golf Classic September 30 - October 2 at Samoset Resort

Portsmouth NH -- The 11th Annual Wentworth Charities Golf Classic Tournament will travel to the dramatic waterfront course at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine this year. The tournament is planned for September 30 - October 2 at the new venue and special rates are being offered so players can enjoy a luxurious stay at the AAA Four Diamond resort.

Last year's tournament raised more than \$170,000 -- nearly fifty percent more than the year before -- for Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and two local charities: My Friend's Place and the Jett Foundation. Each event means more services provided to those who need them most.

Play in the Wentworth Charities Golf Classic Tournament takes place on Sunday, October 1st and Monday, October 2nd. The tournament is open to the public and will be played with a shotgun start in best-ball format. In addition to 18 holes of championship golf each day on the course *Golf* magazine called "the Pebble Beach of the East," several additional events are planned for the weekend, including:

Saturday, September 30

VIP Welcome Cocktail Reception with comedy entertainment.

Sunday, October 1

Grand Maine Lobster and Clam Bake with Live Music and Silent Auction under the stars.

Casino evening following dinner.

Monday, October 2

BBQ luncheon and presentation of awards and prizes.

The event provides many opportunities for community involvement including golf tournament participation, event and tee/green sponsorship, and donation of auction and raffle prizes. The cost per foursome ranges from \$1,750 for Monday tournament flights (cost also includes the Sunday lobster bake/silent auction and Monday luncheon and awards presentation) to \$2,500 (which includes the Saturday VIP Comedy reception, Sunday lobster bake/silent auction, Monday awards luncheon.) Full details on additional sponsorship opportunities are provided online at www.WentworthCharities.org.

"The annual Wentworth Charities Golf Tournament is one of the harbingers of the season, especially this year as we celebrate foliage season in the beautiful setting of the Samoset Resort on the coast of Maine; but the Tournament has also represented a turning point in the lives of the children and families served by the funds we have raised over the ten years we have presented the event," said Christie Clifford-Salema of the Wentworth Charities. "Each year, thanks to the generosity of so many supporters in the community we can assist so many worthy charities and help them make changes for the better of the the futures of the children they serve. The Wentworth Charities Golf Tournament is played for fun, for prizes, and most of all, for the kids."

To participate in this year's Charity Golf Classic Tournament, for sponsorship opportunities, or to make a donation, please call Wentworth Charities at 207-475-5736 or visit www.WentworthCharities.org.

The AAA Four Diamond Samoset Resort crowns a 230 acre waterfront complex at the edge of Penobscot Bay. Its 178 guestrooms offer views of the Rockland Breakwater and Atlantic Ocean beyond or the 70-par golf course and new ESPN Golf Schools program is among those *Golf Digest* considers America's "10 most aesthetic." The resort has just completed a \$3 million guestroom upgrade to furnishings, bedding and baths. Resort amenities include WiFi access, a state-of-the-art Health Club, indoor pool, tennis, spa services, Breakwater Cafe and *Wine Spectator* Award-winning Marcel's Restaurant. For more information, visit www.samosetresort.com or call 800-341-1650.

About the Wentworth Charities

The Wentworth Charities was established in 1996 (formerly known as the Ocean Properties, LTD Charities) to raise money for child-related charities. The proceeds from the golf tournament have always been directed to benefit children. Donations are made direct to national organizations such as the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Local organizations that provide support and/or care for children receive the balance of the proceeds. Wentworth Charities can be reached at 207-475-5736.

About Tuberous Sclerosis

Tuberous Sclerosis (TS) complex is a genetic condition characterized by seizures and tumor growth in vital organs such as the brain, heart, kidneys, lungs and skin. The disease affects the mental development of some people more severely, while others are so mildly affected that it goes undiagnosed. Some people with TS experience developmental delay, mental retardation, and autism. TS is estimated to affect nearly 50,000 people in the United States and more than one million people worldwide. TS is as common as Lou Gehrig's Disease, but still is virtually unknown by the general population. (www.tsalliance.org)

About Cystic Fibrosis

CF is a complex genetic disease that affects about 30,000 children and adults in the United States. It causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus, due to the faulty transport of sodium and chloride (salt) within cells lining organs such as the lungs and pancreas. This abnormal mucus clogs the lungs leading to life-threatening lung infections. The thick CF mucus also obstructs the pancreas, preventing enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and digest food. (www.cff.org)

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