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AUEN FOUNDATION GRANTS \$10,000 TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL®

Funds Bring Inaugural Patrick Warburton Golf for Kids Celebrity Golf Tournament to Palm Desert

Palm Desert, Calif., (March 17, 2011) – The Auen Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant to support the inaugural Patrick Warburton Golf for Kids Celebrity Golf Tournament. The tournament raised more than \$200,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, one of the world's premiere centers for the research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

"The entire event this past weekend was amazing," said Richard C. Shadyac Jr., CEO of ALSAC, the fundraising organization of St. Jude. "The celebrity participation and the sponsor contributions are instrumental to our efforts to find cures and save children fighting cancer and other catastrophic diseases."

CBS television star Patrick Warburton decided to host the tournament after attending a similar tournament benefitting St. Jude and then experiencing the hospital's mission firsthand at the Memphis, Tennessee-based facility.

The tournament weekend included two days of golfing at the Classic Club and a dinner and comedy show with Warburton's "Rules of Engagement" castmate David Spade as well as Mark Eddie and Mike Wilson. In addition to Warburton and Spade, other celebrity attendees included Oliver Hudson, Bianca Kajlich, Adhir Kaylan, Megyn Price, Dave Dettman, Greg Ellis, Patrick Fabian, Don Felder, Robbie Gould, Robert Hays, Beverly Johnson, Richard Karn, Richard Kind, Cheech Marin, Bruce McGill, Jim McMahon, Sam McMurray, Scotty Medlock, Rob Morrow, John O'Hurley, Sam Page, Ron Pearlman, Luke Perry, Ricky Phillips and Brian Thompson.

"We are proud to have been a part of this inaugural event," said Sherrie Auen, the Foundation's Program Director. "The entire weekend was a huge success ultimately raising hundreds of thousands for St. Jude, an extremely deserving organization."

St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance and no child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. St. Jude has treated children from all 50 states and around the world, and freely shares its research with the global medical community, helping children who never even visit St. Jude. To learn more visit www.stjude.org.

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