

Erie Insurance raises more than \$82,000 for Erie-area charities

One golfer scores a hole in one and wins an extra \$10,000 for charity during the Erie Insurance Charity Challenge Golf Tournament

ERIE, Pa. (Sept. 16, 2013)- For the fourth year in a row <u>Erie Insurance</u>, along with businesses throughout the Erie region, raised tens of thousands of dollars for nonprofit organizations through the Erie Insurance Charity Challenge Golf Tournament. Twenty-seven area businesses competed.

This year's winning team - Marnen, Mioduszewski, Bordonaro, Wagner & Sinnott - won \$12,000 for its charity of choice, the John F. Kennedy Center Kids Café.

The event also had an exciting first with a golfer from Team Marsha Marsh Real Estate Services, scoring a hole in one and earning an extra \$10,000 for his team's charity, United Way of Erie County.

"We organized this event as a way to bring our fellow businessmen and women together to support local nonprofits," said Terry Cavanaugh, president and CEO of Erie Insurance. "Every dollar of the entry fee goes to charity, giving our guests the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of the day and play for causes they're passionate about."

For-profit businesses are invited to participate in the tournament, with each team picking a charity. One hundred percent of the entry fees are donated to charity. Teams placing in the top spots received the highest contributions with the remaining dollars divided among all charities. Every charity received a minimum of \$750.

Since its inception, the Erie Insurance Charity Challenge Golf Tournament has raised more than \$242,000 for local charities.

According to A.M. Best Company, Erie Insurance Group, based in Erie, Pennsylvania, is the 14th largest homeowners insurer and 12th largest automobile insurer in the United States based on direct premiums written and the 18th largest property/casualty insurer in the United States based on total lines net premium written. The Group, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, has nearly 4.7 million policies in force and operates in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Erie Insurance Group is a FORTUNE 500 and Barron's 500 company. Erie Insurance is proud to have received the J.D. Power and Associates' award for "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with the Auto Insurance Purchase Experience" and to be a J.D. Power and Associates' 2012 Customer Service Champion. ERIE is one of only 50 U.S. companies so named. Erie Insurance is also recognized on the list of Ward's 50 Group of top performing insurance companies, which analyzes the financial performance of 3,000 property and casualty companies and recognizes the top performers for achieving outstanding results in safety, consistency and financial performance over a five-year period (2008-2012).

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