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Foundation Golf Classic raises \$21,400 for scholarships, grants

WADENA, Minn. – **Aug. 20, 2019** – Overcast skies and a smattering of rain couldn't stop 160 golfers from enjoying a full day of activities at Whitetail Run Golf Course for the Tri-County Health Care Foundation Golf Classic on Aug. 12. Thirty-two teams of five represented local businesses, vendors and friends of the Foundation and Tri-County. This year's event raised a net profit of \$21,400 for the Foundation.

"Overall, the event was another huge success, setting a new fundraising record for the second consecutive year," said Ryan Damlo, Foundation executive director. "The little bit of rain we had didn't discourage the golfers! It is great to see all of these teams and businesses come out to support the great work we do at Tri-County and through the Foundation. The funds raised from this year's event will help support local scholarships and community grants."

Golfers enjoyed a day full of food, drinks and course contests. The Community First Bank of Sebeka and Menahga team took the tournament's top spot with a score of 52. Other prizes were awarded to pre-determined random finishers.

The hole of the challenging one-putt contest proved elusive to all who took a swing, but the closest ball came in at just over five feet. Additional contests, such as longest drive, chipping contest, longest drive with a marshmallow and all players hitting a silo on tee shot, were held throughout the course.

This year, World Tour Long Driver Ian Griscom entertained golfers on hole No. 9, giving encouragement to players and demonstrating his ability to drive the ball more than 350 yards.

Representatives of State Farm presented Damlo with a grant check for \$5,000, which was used to create Tri-County's hands-free video PSA, which has already amassed more than 55,000 views just two weeks after premiering on social media.

For information regarding Foundation activities, scholarships or grants, visit TCHC.org/foundation.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system located in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics across Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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