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St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation tops \$1.2 million in total proceeds from Manulife LPGA Classic

Donation in 2015 is \$361,294; most raised in single year

WATERLOO – The Manulife LPGA Classic announced today the donation of \$361,294 to tournament charitable partner, St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation. Proceeds from this year's tournament will directly support the establishment of [the Heart Rhythm Program](#), supporting women's heart health.

"Donors should feel proud to have contributed over \$1.2 million to help improve the lives of so many in our community," said Marianne Harrison, President & CEO, Manulife Canada. "Without St. Mary's commitment to heart health, we wouldn't have a world-class cardiac care centre to support patients in our Region."

A Record Year

This year's donation of \$361,294 is not only the largest single year donation in the tournament's history but also brings total donations to St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation to \$1,211,550 since the inception of the tournament in 2012.

"This year has been our most successful yet, not only in dollars raised, but in our ability to provide education and awareness on the importance of women's heart health," said Peter Sweeney, President of the St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation. "On behalf of everyone at St. Mary's and the patients we serve, thank you to Manulife, Sports Properties International and individual donors for this tremendous investment in the health of our community."

For the second year, Manulife encouraged community donations through the Manulife Match campaign. Individual donors could double their contribution as the

company matched dollars raised, resulting in over \$312,000 to date in donations through Manulife Match.

“Sports Properties International could not be more proud to have established an event in this community and to help raise not only awareness of women’s heart health issues, but more importantly, to surpass \$1 million for St. Mary’s General Hospital Foundation,” said Hugh Morrow, CEO of Sports Properties International. “We look forward to continuing this great relationship.”

The 2016 tournament will be held August 29 to September 4 at Whistle Bear Golf Club. For more information, please visit www.manulifeclassic.ca.

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About the Manulife LPGA Classic

The Manulife LPGA Classic is one of only two Canadian stops on the LPGA Tour and features a standard eligibility field of 150 players, 72 holes of stroke play and a purse of US\$1.5 million. The 2016 event will take place August 29 to September 4, at Whistle Bear Golf Club near Cambridge, Ontario in Waterloo Region, home of Manulife’s Canadian Division headquarters. www.manulifeclassic.ca

About Manulife

Manulife is a leading Canada-based financial services group with principal operations in Asia, Canada and the United States. We operate as John Hancock in the U.S. and as Manulife in other parts of the world. We provide strong, reliable, trustworthy and forward-thinking solutions for our customers’ significant financial decisions. Our international network of employees, agents and distribution partners offers financial protection and wealth management products and services to millions of clients. We also provide asset management services to institutional customers. Assets under management by Manulife and its subsidiaries were approximately C\$821 billion (US\$648 billion) as at March 31, 2015.

Manulife Financial Corporation trades as ‘MFC’ on the TSX, NYSE and PSE, and under ‘945’ on the SEHK. Manulife can be found on the Internet at manulife.com

About Sports Properties International

As owner of the Manulife LPGA Classic, Sports Properties International was created to provide an environment where communities and spectacular sporting events can come together, connected by a common interest. Sports Properties International can be found on the internet at spint.ca.

About Bruno Event Team

Bruno Event Team (BET) is a Birmingham, Alabama-based sports marketing and event management company formed in 1996 by Ronald Bruno and Gene Hallman. Bruno Event Team is experienced in all facets of event management, employing a

year-round staff of 70+ employees in nine offices around the United States and Canada. Bruno Event Team Services each client with expertise in strategic planning, marketing, advertising, public and media relations, ticket and merchandise sales, sponsor relations, hospitality consulting, event operations, event financial planning/accounting, and volunteer coordination. Visit brunoeventteam.com for additional information.

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