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GOLFERS TAKE A SWING TO END GLOBAL POVERTY AT THE ATLANTA PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

On May 19, 2009, over 150 golfers are expected to take a swing at ending global poverty in the annual Partnership Golf Tournament at The Golf Club of Georgia in Alpharetta. Partnership Golf is an initiative of Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) to raise awareness and funds that reduce hunger, disease, illiteracy and poverty in Africa and Asia.

With over half of the world's population living on less than \$2 per day, golfers participating at this charity tournament help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia create long-term, self-help solutions to lift themselves out of poverty. **One hundred percent of donations and all net proceeds from the Partnership Golf tournament go directly to projects** supported by the Foundation; not a cent is spent on administration. AKF USA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.

To kick off the tournament, the Honorable Mark Burkhalter, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Georgia House of Representatives, will speak at the breakfast banquet. Special invited guests also include Javier Lopez, former Major League Baseball catcher for the Atlanta Braves; Jose Portilla, NFL player, retired from the Atlanta Falcons; Eric Snow, former pro basketball player for the Philadelphia 76ers, Seattle SuperSonics and the Cleveland Cavaliers, and founder of Shoot for the Moon Foundation; Rody White, NFL player, current wide receiver with the Atlanta Falcons; and Mayor of Johns Creek, Mike Bodker.

There will be on-course contests and challenges throughout the tournament. Partnership Golf offers a variety of attractive sponsorship opportunities with value-added benefits to give maximum exposure to corporations, businesses and individuals.

After a day out on the green, golfers will enjoy the banquet lunch to the rhythms and beat of the Pete Whitfield Band. At the lunch, participants will enjoy an awards program with drawings, prizes, a lively host, and a special keynote speaker.

With 23 upscale and modern hotels, 150 dining options, seven unique shopping districts, and an abundance of family-friendly entertainment, Alpharetta offers golfers a wealth of pre-tournament activities and lodging options! Come early so you don't miss the 19th Annual Taste of Alpharetta on Thursday, May 14, and plan to participate in Saturday's 13th Annual Mayor's Challenge 5K and 10K road race. Visit www.AwesomeAlpharetta.com for more information, including special package hotel rates.

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The Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau serves as the destination marketing arm for the City, promoting tourism to Alpharetta, Georgia, and attracting visitors to all 23 of Alpharetta's upscale and modern hotels. Visit www.AwesomeAlpharetta.com for more information.

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