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MEDIA ALERT

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LOCAL 9-YEAR-OLD PARTICIPATES IN LEARN TO GOLF CLINIC DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

Colleen O'Connell to Practice Golf at Event for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Patients

WHO: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) patients, families and staff
TSRHC patient Colleen O'Connell, age 9 of Fort Worth
Allied healthcare and golf professionals

WHAT: TSRHC patients will participate in a **Learn to Golf** clinic taught by allied healthcare and golf professionals specially trained to teach children with physical challenges. Junior golfers will learn about golf safety, etiquette, driving, chipping and putting.
TSRHC's Learn to Golf program is **designed for patients with challenging physical conditions**. The Learn to Golf program provides the tools and instruction needed for patients to participate in and reap the rehabilitative benefits of golf. The program is supported by funds from TSRHC donors and a multi-year grant provided by the United States Golf Association to aid in the expansion and enhancement of the program. There is no charge for patients to participate.

Support for the Learn to Golf program is provided by the USGA, PGA and Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation, as well as many individuals and local businesses.

WHEN: **Saturday, May 12, 2007**
8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. – Registration
9 a.m. to noon – Learn to Golf clinic
Noon to 1 p.m. – Lunch

WHERE: **Leonard Golf Links**
3200 Chapel Creek Blvd.
Fort Worth, Texas 76116
(817) 560-0200

ABOUT COLLEEN O'CONNELL: Colleen O'Connell, age 9 of Fort Worth has been a patient at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) since she was three months old. She is treated at the hospital for a hand difference, due to the absence of the long bone in her right forearm. This will be Colleen's second Learn to Golf clinic, and not only has she taken private golf lessons with an instructor provided through TSRHC's Learn to Golf Program, she has gained self-confidence, increased her interest in the game of golf and made the clinics an event for her whole family to enjoy. Colleen enjoys playing golf, soccer, singing in the choir and taking karate.

ABOUT TSRHC: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. There is no charge to patient families for treatment at the hospital, and admission is open to Texas children from birth to 18 years of age. For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please call (214) 559-5000 or (800) 421-1121 or visit www.tsrhc.org.

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