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CELEBRITIES FORE KIDS GOLF CLASSIC SUCCESSFULLY NETS OVER \$110,000 FOR CANCER PATIENTS

HOBE SOUND, Fla. -- The 11th Annual Larry Laoretti and Gary Carter Celebrities Fore Kids Golf Classic was a huge success netting over \$110,000 to assist families who have children with cancer, and adults with cancer supporting children 18 years old and under living on the Treasure Coast.

Over 100 players came out to the tournament at the Hobe Sound Golf Club on Monday, November 28, for an opportunity to play alongside a celebrity which included baseball legend and emcee for the evening Jim Kaat, baseball Hall of Famers Jim Palmer and Mike Schmidt, hockey Hall of Famers Bobby Orr and Clark Gillies, pro golfers Tony Jacklin, Dana Quigley and Larry Ziegler and LPGA Tour pros Michelle McGann and Jackie Gallagher-Smith. In addition, Hall of Famer golfer Jack Nicklaus and his wife Barbara attended the awards dinner and participated in the live auction with Laoretti as the auctioneer.

Other notable celebrities who were in attendance include baseball players Bob Apodaca, Bob Floyd, Howard Johnson, Bill Gullickson, Randy Niemann, John Stearns, Tim Teufel and along with golf professionals Warren Bottke, Kevin Compare, Ken Duke, Lonnie Nielsen, Tommy Shaw and Bob Toski.

Howard Johnson led his team, which consisted of Bob Brunjes, Don Moss, Ed Bee and Joe King, to the Low Net 1st place title, while Devon Quigley helped bring his team, which consisted of Joe Martirano, Chris Lovely, Mike Bisinki and Joe Arrigo, to the Low Gross 1st Place prize.

Though Gary Carter could not attend the golf tournament, he did attend the Draw Party at the Bear's Club in Jupiter, Fla., where the auction of an \$8,000 diamond and gold necklace donated by Just Gold Jewelers started a new fund in Gary Carter's honor under the Celebrities Fore Kids umbrella. More than \$15,000 was raised for the Gary Carter Fund which monies are earmarked for families who have children diagnosed with brain cancer.

In the 11 years Celebrities Fore Kids, Inc., has been in existence, nearly \$1.5 million has been raised to provide financial assistance to families who have children with cancer, and adults with cancer supporting children 18 years old and under living on the Treasure Coast. From gas cards to assistance with monthly utility bills and mortgage payments, Celebrities Fore Kids, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c)(3), works with social workers from the Robert & Carol Weissman Cancer Center at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart and the Parent – Child Center, Inc. at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach to help families affected by cancer.

To learn more about Celebrities Fore Kids visit their website at www.celebritiesforekids.org or call (772) 781-7943.

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