



First Jim Mora Celebrity Golf Classic Held in Seattle Raises Over \$245,000 for Charities

*The Jim Mora Celebrity Golf Classic benefited the Jim Mora Count On Me Family Foundation
and the Nutrition and Fitness for Life Program at Virginia Mason*

SEATTLE (August 28, 2009) – The Third Annual Jim Mora Celebrity Golf Classic held on August 24, 2009 at the Tournament Players Club at Snoqualmie Ridge raised over \$245,000 for local charities, it was reported today. The tournament, which was new to Seattle this year, was raising funds for Special Olympics Washington (SOWA), the Boys & Girls Clubs, the Nutrition and Fitness for Life Program at Virginia Mason, and other local children's charities through the Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation.

Over 135 golfers participated in the tournament. Each participant enjoyed breakfast at the club, 18 holes on the course, lunch out on the course courtesy of Azteca Mexican Restaurant, Johnsonville Brats, Ivar's/Kidd Valley and Famous Dave's BBQ, and an invitation to the post event barbeque, sponsored by Ivar's/Kidd Valley. There were 12 special contests out on the courses, including longest and straightest drive contests, closest to the pin contests and four hole-in-one contests (please see our website for winners of this year's contests), but the most-talked about shot of the day came from KOMO's Chief Meteorologist Steve Pool, whose drive from the tee box came within five inches of a hole in one on Hole #17, almost winning the 10-hours of flying time on a private jet, courtesy of Marquis Jet. The Butler Publications Team, with their celebrity Randall Morris, won the overall for the day.

"Jim and I were sincerely touched by the overwhelming support from the community for our first golf tournament in Seattle – the tournament sponsors, the many generous donors, the group of friends of the Foundation and volunteers that donated their time and effort, and the celebrities that came out to support the event—it was wonderful to see everyone joining in, along with the Seattle Seahawks organization, the Boeing Classic Committee, Virginia Mason Medical Center, to make this tournament a success," said Shannon Mora, Vice President of the Jim Mora Count On Me Family Foundation. "We look forward to announcing the children's charitable organizations that will receive grants funded through the proceeds of this tournament in late September, and look forward to continuing to raise money through this annual event for kids in need."

Celebrities participating in the event weekend included: former Seattle Seahawks Sam Adkins, Blair Bush, Nesby Glasgow, Jacob Green, Michael Jackson, Paul Johns, Mo Kelly, Dave Krieg, Warren Moon, Randall Morris, Paul Moyer, Mack Strong, Dave Wyman, Charle Young; former Oakland Raiders Mike Haynes and Ted Hendricks, former UW and NFL players Jeff Jaeger, Lawyer Milloy, Hugh Millen, and Chuck Nelson; Pro Football Hall of Fame Receiver Lynn Swann; former NBA players Fred Brown, Detlef Schrempf and Slick Watts; former NFL Head Coach Jim Mora, Sr., NBA Hall of Fame Player and Coach Lenny Wilkens; former Seattle Mariners Jay Buhner and Dave Valle; former UW Head Coach and member of the College Football Hall of Fame Don James; Jason Mesnick from ABC's *The Bachelor* and Steve Pool – Chief Meteorologist of KOMO-TV, Washington.

The VIP Appreciation Party and Auction, held at the VMAC Seahawks Training Facility the evening before the tournament, featured live and silent auctions, a putting contest, entertainment and a delicious buffet, courtesy of Joey Restaurants. The auctions featured trips to Super Bowl XLIV in South Florida, and the 2010 Pro Bowl in Miami, as well as a Seattle Seahawks Fly Away trip to St. Louis, a behind the scenes at NFL Network "NFL Game Day," special VIP packages to Las Vegas, NAPA Valley and Destin, Florida, as well as unique sports memorabilia including: an autographed Ken Griffey, Jr. bat, jerseys, footballs and helmets signed by Seattle Seahawks ProBowlers, and a one-of-a-kind piece of history – hand written game plan from a 1956 match up between the Washington Redskins and the New York Giants from Vince Lombardi, as a young assistant coach. The auction raised over \$80,000.

Information on the 2010 Jim Mora Celebrity Golf Classic will be announced later this Fall. For more information or to participate, please call: 425-765-3572, or log into www.countonmefoundation.org.



The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation, created in October 2005, is a 501(c)3 organization which supports children in need (primarily in three target areas: from low socio-economic backgrounds, mentally and physically challenged, and children at-risk) by affording them the opportunity to realize their potential and dreams, help create more stability in their lives, support advocacy for children, and support channels that allow children to have a voice. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised over \$980,000 dollars for charities in the greater Atlanta and Seattle areas. For more information, please call the Foundation office at 425-765-3572.

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