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GOLFERS BUILD A BETTER FUTURE AT AGA KHAN FOUNDATION'S CHICAGO GOLF TOURNAMENT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JULY 31, 2015. Today 65 golfers drove to the green while investing in long-term solutions to improve quality of life for communities around the world. Aga Khan Foundation's annual Chicago Golf tournament at the Ravinia Green Country Club in Riverwoods, Illinois raised \$180,000 for programs of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) that help communities around the world to build better futures. 100 percent of net proceeds from the tournament and all donations go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation.

The charity tournament attracted high-level corporate executives, civic leaders, local celebrities, as well as national sponsor The Coca-Cola Company's Director of National Retail Sales Brad Morris, and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, along with the Jesse White Tumblers.

Golfers' contributions help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia break the cycle of poverty. Contributions make a tremendous impact in creating opportunities for girls in Afghanistan to attend school, farmers in Mali to feed their families, and mothers in India to lead healthy lives. These efforts that build flourishing economies are the cornerstones of a thriving community.

Reaching 3.5 million people annually in 16 countries, Aga Khan Foundation cultivates deep partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, governments and community leaders to harness the best from people of all walks of life. Working with partners, the Foundation makes long-term commitments to innovative programs that improve the quality of life, from early childhood education to green space preservation. To learn more about the Aga Khan Foundation's approach and impact visit www.akfusa.org.

To learn more about the event, visit http://akfgolf-chicago.crowdsterapp.com/.

Golf tournaments for Aga Khan Foundation will be held in five major U.S. cities this year. Since 1995, the Foundation's activities including the annual Walk and Golf events have attracted nearly a half million participants across the U.S. and raised \$75 million to break the cycle of poverty and help people fulfill their purpose and promise for themselves.

About the Aga Khan Foundation

The <u>Aga Khan Foundation</u> partners with communities, nonprofits, businesses, governments and local leaders to make long-term investments, build permanent institutions and cultivate an active civil society. We believe in

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harnessing the best from people of all walks of life to build better futures together by breaking the cycle of poverty and improving the quality of life for people across Africa and Asia. Driven by our belief in our shared humanity, we work for the common good of all citizens, regardless of gender, origin or religion. The Foundation reaches 3.5 million people annually in 16 countries. We are a member of the <u>Aga Khan Development Network</u>, one of the world's leading poverty solutions networks, established by His Highness the Aga Khan. The Aga Khan Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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