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**GOLFERS BUILD A BETTER FUTURE
AT AGA KHAN FOUNDATION GOLF - CHICAGO**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, May 4, 2016. On Monday, May 23, scores of golfers will drive the green while investing in long-term solutions to improve the quality of life for communities around the world. The annual [Aga Khan Foundation Golf](#) - Chicago tournament, will be held at Ravinia Green Country Club in Riverwoods, Illinois. As an initiative of the [Aga Khan Foundation](#) (AKF), the golf tournament raises awareness and funds for programs that mobilize communities around the world to build better futures.

The charity tournament attracts high-level corporate executives, civic leaders, and celebrities. Previous Chicago golf tournaments have raised \$180,000, and organizers expect this year's event to raise more, given enthusiasm from golfers and sponsors across the metro area, including national sponsor The Coca-Cola Company. 100 percent of net proceeds from the tournament go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation.

Golfers help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia improve their quality of life. Contributions make a tremendous impact in creating locally driven opportunities for girls in Pakistan to attend school, farmers in Mali to feed their families and improve their incomes, and mothers in East Africa to lead healthy lives. These efforts that build flourishing economies are the cornerstones of a thriving community.

The 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 <http://www.akfusa.org/about-us/>

To register, view the tournament schedule, learn more about the event, volunteer, become a sponsor or make a donation, visit support.akfusa.org/GolfTournamentChicago.

Golf tournaments for Aga Khan Foundation will be held in at least 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 and raised over \$85 million for projects supported by the Foundation that break the cycle of poverty.

About the Aga Khan Foundation

The [Aga Khan Foundation](#) (AKF) partners with communities, nonprofits, businesses, governments and local leaders to make long-term investments, build permanent institutions and cultivate an active civil society. Our work focuses on harnessing the best from people of all walks of life to build better futures together by breaking the cycle of poverty across Africa and Asia. Driven by our belief in our shared humanity, for nearly 50 years AKF has been working for the common good of all citizens, regardless of gender, origin or religion. The Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Aga Khan Foundation is a member of the [Aga Khan Development Network](#) (AKDN), one of the world's leading poverty solutions networks, established by [His Highness the Aga Khan](#). The Aga Khan Development Network helps improve the quality of life for tens of millions of people annually in 30 countries and the Aga Khan Foundation supports this work globally. AKDN's integrated multi-sector approach to development is grounded in its decades of experience, learning and evaluation. The Network employs over 80,000 people with a budget of about \$625 million for nonprofit social and cultural activities. The Network's for-profit, commercial arm builds economically sound enterprises in the developing world, generating annual revenues of about \$4.1 billion, with all surpluses reinvested in activities to enhance development and improve the quality of life of communities living in fragile, remote or post-conflict regions.

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