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# AT AGA KHAN FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT - DALLAS LOCAL STUDENTS AWARED YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARDS

**DALLAS, TEXAS, April 7, 2016.** Today, at the annual <u>Aga Khan Foundation Golf</u> - Dallas tournament, 117 golfers drove on the green while investing in long-term solutions to improve the quality of life for communities around the world. Held at the <u>Cowboys Golf Club</u> in Grapevine, Texas, golfers raise nearly \$170,000 for programs of the <u>Aga Khan Foundation</u> (AKF) that help communities in Africa and Asia break the cycle of poverty. 100 percent of net proceeds and all donations go directly to projects supported by the Aga Khan Foundation.

Organizers thanked the enthusiastic golfers and sponsors across the metro area including national sponsor, The Coca-Cola Company.

Amsal and Saman, local high school students were awarded the esteemed AKF Youth Ambassador Award for their outstanding community service including the organization of an art competition for Dalllas high school students last year.

The charity tournament attracted high-level corporate executives, civic leaders, and local celebrities, including Dallas Cowboys center, Travis Frederick, who mingled with the golfers. Among other prizes, winners of on-course contests received an Apple Watch, iPadPro, iPad Pencil, gift certificates and golf bags. An awards banquet followed the tournament, including a short video about the Foundation's work, scope and values.

"We were glad for the beautiful weather that the golfers and our volunteers enjoyed along with the satisfaction of supporting the Foundation's work in helping people build better lives for themselves throughout the world," said Farida Khemani, Chairperson of AKF Central U.S. Volunteer Team. 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 building schools and clinics. To learn more about the Aga Khan Foundation's approach and impact visit <u>www.akfusa.org.</u>

To learn more about the event, visit support.akfusa.org/dallasgolf.

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 poverty alleviation projects supported by the Foundation.

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### 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 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. 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 Development Network employs over 80,000 people in over 30 countries, with a budget of approximately \$625 million for nonprofit activities annually reaching tens of millions of people through social, cultural and economic development. 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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