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Jennifer Johnson to Donate Half of Navistar LPGA Classic Winnings to Wounded Warrior Project

LPGA Golfer Teams with Navistar to Encourage Donations to Wounded Warrior Project

PRATTVILLE, AL. – SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 — Jennifer Johnson, one of the LPGA's leading rookies, has announced that half of her total winnings at this year's Navistar LPGA Classic on September 15-18, 2011, will be donated to Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP), a nonprofit organization that provides programs and services for injured service members and caregivers.

"Our wounded veterans should not have to endure any more suffering than they already have and deserve the best care and treatment available," said Johnson, who last year was the NCGA Freshman of the Year and an NCAA First Team All-American. "Wounded Warrior Project helps those who have sacrificed so much move back into civilian life. It's a wonderful organization and I encourage other players and tournament attendees to make a donation."

Johnson's donation is following Navistar's recent announcement that for the first time, the 2011 Navistar LPGA Classic at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Capitol Hill complex in Prattville, Alabama will be open to the public free of charge. In a partnership with the LPGA and the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the company is asking spectators to instead donate to those who serve in the U.S. armed forces by asking event attendees to donate to the WWP.

"Our military men and women have given so much to our country,"said Dan Ustian, chairman, president and CEO, Navistar International Corporation. "That is why we support Wounded Warrior Project and have made the Navistar LPGA Classic free of charge this year, in hope attendees will consider taking a portion of the admission fee that would have paid and donate to Wounded

Warrior Project. We at Navistar are thankful to Jennifer for her extreme generosity and commitment to Wounded Warrior Project."

More than 45,000 of our nation's armed forces have been physically wounded during the recent military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hundreds of thousands more are estimated to be recovering from invisible wounds of war, including post-traumatic stress disorder, major depression, and traumatic brain injury. WWP assists wounded warriors and their families through a holistic approach to their recovery. In addition, the Warriors to Work program of WWP assists warriors with the transition back into the civilian workforce, including many jobs in the trucking and transportation industry. This free program offers a complete package of employment-assistance services, including resume assistance, interviewing skills, job training, networking and job placement assistance. Those interested in donating will be able to either at the tournament or by texting "WWP" to 90999 on a mobile phone.

"Jennifer's dedication to both her profession and the military men and women who serve our country is inspiring to us as an organization," said Steve Nardizzi, Executive Director of Wounded Warrior Project. "With the support of partners like Navistar and Jennifer, we are able to honor and empower warriors each and every day."

In its fifth year, the Navistar LPGA Classic has confirmed more than 100 of the world's top women golfers, including the top six-ranked players: Yani Tseng, Cristie Kerr, Suzanne Pettersen, Jiyai Shin, Na Yeon Choi and I.K. Kim.

To learn more about the Navistar LPGA Classic and Wound Warrior Project visit navistarlpgaclassic.com or woundedwarriorproject.org.

How-to Donate

To donate, text "WWP" to 90999 on your mobile phone to donate $10 to

Wounded Warrior Project. A $10.00 charge will be added to your mobile phone bill (or deducted from your prepaid account).

About Wounded Warrior Project

The mission of Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) is to honor and empower wounded warriors. The purpose of WWP is to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other; and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national, non-partisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. To get involved and learn more, visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

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