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Providence Speech and Hearing Center hosts sold-out golf fundraiser

32nd Annual Golf Classic brings in \$315,000

ORANGE, Calif., June 24, 2016 – Providence Speech and Hearing Center (Providence), an industry leader and nonprofit organization since 1965, hosted its 32nd Annual Golf Classic at Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club on Monday, June 6, 2016. With 265 golfers in attendance, the event raised over \$315,000. For the third consecutive year, the tournament was played on both 18-hole courses at the gorgeous venue - and for the first time since moving this event to the double course, it was SOLD OUT!

Out on the greens, each of the golfers got to experience the Providence Challenge Hole, where they were asked to wear an eye patch and ear plugs to simulate what life can be like for some Providence patients. In addition, the fundraiser offered some new on-course activities this year, including dice and poker games, and the hot shot golf ball cannon, which allowed golfers to fire a golf ball down the fairway. It was a blast!

During the dinner program, guests were treated to a live testimonial by Dave and Shari Wensley, whose 9-year-old daughter, Ava, has cochlear implants. They talked about the moment they learned their infant daughter was completely deaf, the fear and sense of loss they felt then, and the tremendous success she has had since being implanted at the age of 11 months. Donors were moved by the Wensleys' incredible story and raised their hands to donate a total of **\$69,720** toward the purchase of audiology equipment that helps diagnose hearing loss in infants, including those like Ava who are profoundly deaf and will need cochlear implants.

"Year after year, our golfers tell us how much fun they have at this tournament, and we love hearing that! What we love even more is that our golfers, Board, volunteers, and staff come together each year to ensure the success of this event," said Providence CEO Linda H. Smith. "We are truly grateful to each and every one of you who contributed to this year's Golf Classic! You make a world of difference for the patients we are so privileged to serve."

Funds raised during the Annual Golf Classic enable Providence to continue its mission of *Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing* for ALL those who need help. Without Providence, many patients would be unable to afford the life-altering services the organization

provides and may end up living in a world of silence. As the need for services continues to increase each year, it is only through donor and community support that Providence is able to keep its promise to never turn anyone away due to the inability to pay. Providence strives to treat everyone, from newborns to senior adults, and ensure that all patients in need will be served.

About Providence Speech and Hearing Center

Founded in 1965, Providence Speech and Hearing Center is the leading service provider to the speech and hearing impaired of Orange County and beyond, offering a wide-range of speech, hearing and language services to adults and children. Providence accepts most major insurance companies and medical groups, as well as providing grants, scholarships and financing options for patients from low-income families who are uninsured or under-insured. The Providence family also includes: Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute™, Orange County Fall Prevention and Balance Center, and Word & Brown Hearing Center. The organization's mission is *Enriching Life Through the Gifts of Speech and Hearing*.

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