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Providence Speech and Hearing Center hosts annual golf fundraiser

33rd Annual Golf Classic brings in \$320,000

ORANGE, Calif., June 15, 2017 – **Providence Speech and Hearing Center** (Providence), an industry leader and nonprofit organization that has been providing comprehensive speech and hearing services since 1965, recently hosted its 33rd Annual Golf Classic. The tournament was played on both 18-hole courses at the gorgeous Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club on Monday, June 5, 2017, and with 250 golfers in attendance, raised more than \$320,000!

Out on the greens, each golfer 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 exciting on-course activities this year, including dice and poker games, and the hot shot golf ball cannon, which allowed golfers to “shoot” a golf ball down the fairway. It was a blast!

“One of our goals is to make this tournament fun, and every year, golfers tell us how much they enjoy it. That is a great feeling! What is even more rewarding is that, year after year, our sponsors, golfers, Board, volunteers, and staff come together to ensure the success of this event, and we certainly couldn’t do it without each and every one of them” said Providence CEO, **Linda H. Smith**. “We are truly grateful to all who contributed to this year’s Golf Classic! You make a world of difference for the thousands of patients we are so privileged to serve.”

During the evening program, guests were treated to a live testimonial by **Paul Grand**, whose 3-year-old daughter, Penelope, was the first patient to receive cochlear implants through the Orange County Cochlear Implant Institute™ at Providence Speech and Hearing Center. He talked about the moment he and his wife learned their infant daughter had lost her hearing, the fear and sense of loss they felt then, the tremendous success she has had since being implanted a year and a half ago, and how his family – and his own personal ambitions – have changed through this experience. Donors were moved by Paul’s story, and Paul was surprised when Smith announced that the funds raised during that portion of the event would be used to launch the *Penelope Grand Scholarship Fund*, which will ensure that children like Penelope can receive the multidisciplinary cochlear implant support services they need – regardless of their family’s ability to pay. Guests raised their hands to make gifts totaling **\$70,000** toward the Fund!

Sponsors of the 33rd Annual Golf Classic include: Advanced Office, California Bank & Trust, California Commercial, CHOICE Administrators, Citizens Business Bank, Comerica Bank, Cox Business, Deloitte, Frome Family Foundation, HealthWest Realty Advisors, JLR Insurance, Northwestern Mutual, Reinberger Printwerks, Standard Drywall, Inc., Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, Stuart Kane LLP, The Word & Brown Companies, Union Bank, Vistage International, and Widex USA.

Funds raised during this annual event 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.

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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 provides 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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