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BAYOU BARRIERE GOLF CLUB RALLIES TO ASSIST FAMILY AFTER DEVASTATING FIRE

NEW ORLEANS, LA (July 19, 2012) – After a gas can in the garage ignited a water heater and set a Belle Chasse home ablaze – burning a two year-old boy over 70% of his body, Bayou Barriere Golf Club jumped at the chance to help. Just three weeks after the tragedy, the club rallied golfers, local merchants and caring neighbors to host a charity golf tournament for the family’s benefit through the Touchstone Golf Foundation.

More than 120 golfers and 30 volunteers participated in the event, which included a shotgun start tournament, live entertainment, space walks and face painting for the kids, raffle prizes, food, and an appearance by Trapper Joe and Trigger Tommy from the History Channel show, “Swamp People.” In all, more than \$25,000 was raised to help the family get back on its feet and assist with medical bills for the boy, who was air-lifted after the fire to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston, TX, a world-class facility that provides acute, reconstructive and rehabilitative care for children with burns and other skin conditions.

“It was absolutely our pleasure and privilege to be in a position to help,” said Bayou Barriere General Manager Corey Arbourgh. “Fortunately, the most important things were saved – the lives of a loving, multi-generational family; but the family lost everything in the home, and it will take some time to recover from the physical, emotional and financial damage that has devastated them. Our hearts go out to them as they care for their child, and we are hopeful he will make a swift and full recovery. We’d like to thank everyone in our community for the outpouring of support the tournament received on behalf of the family, and look forward to continuing to raise funds for their benefit.”

Since the golf tournament, fundraising continues at Bayou Barriere through daily collections, fundraising contests and raffles for prizes including TaylorMade clubs. To date, the boy has undergone three skin grafting surgeries, with a fourth scheduled in the near future.

“Our son is doing well and the doctors are amazed that he is healing so quickly,” said the boy’s mom, Shannon Callais. “I thank God every day that he is in that bed and am overwhelmed by the support of the Parish we live in.”

To make a donation to the family or for more information, please contact Corey Arbourgh at (504) 394-9500 or corey@bayoubarriere.com.

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