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Community Foundation and Sanctuary Tee Up to Help Island Community

Sanibel Island, FL (February 17, 2010) - Through the generosity of the Sanctuary Golf Club, its members, sponsors, and friends, the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva's (GNCFSC) Eighth Annual Sanctuary Community Golf Challenge held on January 23 grossed over \$75,000. The event benefits the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva (GNCFSC), a division of Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF), which has been assisting island non-profit organizations and individual island residents and workers in crisis for over ten years.

One-hundred thirty-six golfers enjoyed a day of perfect weather, great golf, food, and camaraderie. In the present economy, tournament planners were humbled by the generosity of everyone who participated. The Tournament Committee was especially thankful for the work of the Sanctuary's Drew Donnelly and his team, who was the main 'driver' behind the event.

The funds raised will be used in three ways: for direct community grants to help islanders in need; for the GNCFSC competitive grant cycle to help nonprofits that serve island residents by enhancing local education, the environment, arts and culture, animal welfare, historic preservation, and human services; and for endowment building of GNCFSC's Good Neighbor Fund. In total, the eight annual golf events held so far have raised over \$504,000 to benefit island communities.

The following teams and individuals won special awards: Gross Champions were Andy, Dan, Dick, and Jerry Muench; Net Champions were Brian Cunningham, Rob Cutler, Bobby Hodosky, and Ken Steele; Net Runners-up were John Dale, Dave Hunt, Bill LaMothe, and Jeff McManus; Closest to the Pin on Hole #4 was Ron Heidel; Closest to the Pin on Hole #16 was Andrew Carnell; Helicopter Drop Prize Winners were Bob and Carol Amerine, Rene Lohser, and Judy Risch.

This year's honorary chairpersons were John and Donna Schubert. The 2010 Tournament Committee Members were Ann Arnoff, Francis Bailey, Bob Chrenc, Ralph Clark, Drew Donnelly, Terry Igo, Brian Johnson, Martin Packard, and Arlene Knox. The Sanctuary's past support of the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel-Captiva has helped the Board bring critical resources to area non-profit organizations to enhance local education, the environment, arts and culture, animal welfare, historic preservation and human services.

The mission of the Good Neighbor Community Foundation of Sanibel Captiva is to promote philanthropy and build a spirit of community to enhance the quality of life for residents and employees of the islands, now and for generations to come, through the stewardship of permanently endowed funds. Since 2000, the local foundation has distributed over \$3 million in grants and scholarships.

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Gross Champions, Team 3B: (from left) Jerry, Andy, Dan, and Dick Muench