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EWGA Charity Classic to Benefit WINGS

On Sunday, August 13, 2006 golfers will take to the course at The Links at Carillon in Plainfield, IL to raise funds for WINGS. Several months ago members of the EWGA (Executive Women's Golf Association) approached WINGS (Women In Need Growing Stronger) and offered to make them the recipients of the group's signature event. All proceeds of the outing will go to support WINGS housing and services for women and children fleeing domestic violence and homelessness in Chicago and Chicago's north and northwest suburbs.

"We are so pleased that the EWGA has come forward to help WINGS continue our mission to assist those in need. They've been a pleasure to work with and we're looking forward to working together with them in the future," says Jennifer Djordjevic, Director of Public Relations.

The event, which features a shotgun scramble format, begins at 1:00 p.m and costs \$115 per person. Goodie bags and drink tickets will be provided to all participants. A silent auction and dinner will follow the game. Organizers are asking that registration be completed by August 1st 2006. All skill levels are welcome.

“We are happy to assist WINGS in their fundraising efforts and hope the community will show strong support for the wonderful services that they provide,” says Kate Smith, EWGA Chicago Metro Chapter vice president.

Sponsors of the outing include Caddy Lady, a woman owned business specializing in custom accessories for women.

The EWGA is an organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for women to learn, play and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life.

EWGA Chicago Metro Chapter presently has approximately 420 members most of whom live and work in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. The national organization has 20,000 members who belong to over 115 chapters in the United States and Canada.

WINGS offers transitional housing and emergency shelter. The Safe House, a 15,000 square foot facility opened in January of 2005 and has already helped almost 300 individuals flee from domestic violence. When full, the facility can house up to 45 women and children each night and provides women with medical, legal, and financial advocacy as well as therapeutic counseling and access to housing and other resources.

In addition, the agency has 24 apartments and homes located in Chicago, Skokie, Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Palatine, and Barrington, which provide transitional housing for over 90 women and children each night.

For more information about WINGS visit www.wingsprogram.com. To learn about the national organization of EWGA visit www.ewga.org. To register for the outing please visit www.ewgachicago.org and click on “events”. For weather information and directions to Carillon visit www.carillongolf.com.

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