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**GOLFERS TAKE SWING TO END GLOBAL POVERTY
AT DALLAS-AREA GOLF TOURNAMENT**

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 6, 2011. The fifth annual *PartnershipsInAction* Golf Tournament set a fundraising record when golfers and sponsors contributed **\$200,000** in net proceeds toward the fight to end global poverty. 140 golfers participated in the tournament held on June 6 at the Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco, Texas.

PartnershipsInAction Golf is an initiative of Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) to raise awareness and funds that reduce hunger, disease, illiteracy and poverty in Africa and Asia. **One hundred percent of all donations and net proceeds from the tournament go directly to projects supported by AKF USA; not a cent is spent on administration.**

The tournament attracted high-level corporate executives, civic leaders and local celebrities. Sponsors included teams from Ben E. Keith, United Central Bank, Anheuser-Busch, Dr. Pepper, Andrews Distributing, Pepsi, Comerica Bank, Chevron-Texaco, Capital One Bank, Coca Cola, Frito lay and more.

Winners of on-course contests won a shot in the Million Dollar Shootout, and the winner of the Helicopter Ball Drop received suite tickets to the Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Giants football game.

After the tournament, 238 golfers, sponsors and additional guests attended an evening program where they enjoyed live and silent auctions, a magic show and awards ceremony. Chris Arnold, game night Master of Ceremonies of the Dallas Mavericks basketball team, hosted the evening program.

Mary Jalonick, President of the Dallas Foundation and title sponsor of the event, remarked in her keynote speech, "Our organizations share the goal of improving lives and empowering people in specific places. Education is one of our top concerns, just as it is for the Aga Khan Foundation. And we believe, as Aga Khan Development Network agencies do, that we accomplish more when we work with partners to achieve our goals."

Other special guests included Shawn Bhagat, President of the North Texas Trade Association, Phil Dyer, Mayor of Plano; Lisa Sutter, Carrollton Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem; and Becky Miller, former Mayor of Carrollton.

With over half of the world's population living on less than \$2 per day, golfers participating at this charity tournament help communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia create long-term, self-help solutions to lift themselves out of poverty. *PartnershipsInAction* Golf tournaments are held in eight major U.S. cities this year, and since 2007 more than 3,400 golfers have participated and raised funds for AKF USA.

AKF USA, established in 1981, is a private, non-denominational, not-for-profit international development organization committed to alleviating poverty, hunger, disease and illiteracy. AKF USA works to address the root causes of poverty by supporting and sharing innovative solutions in the areas of health, education, rural development, civil society, and the environment. AKF USA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.

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